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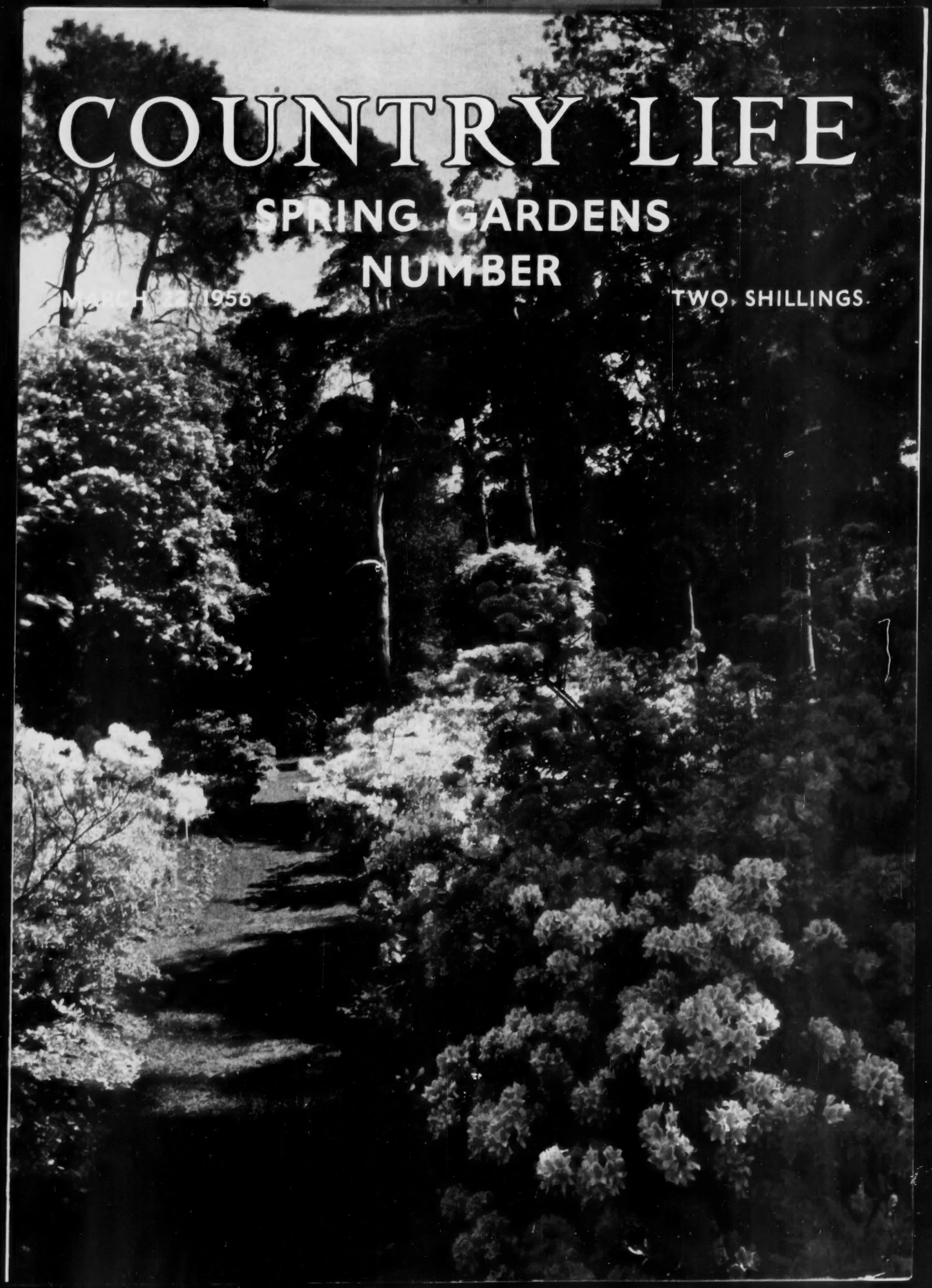

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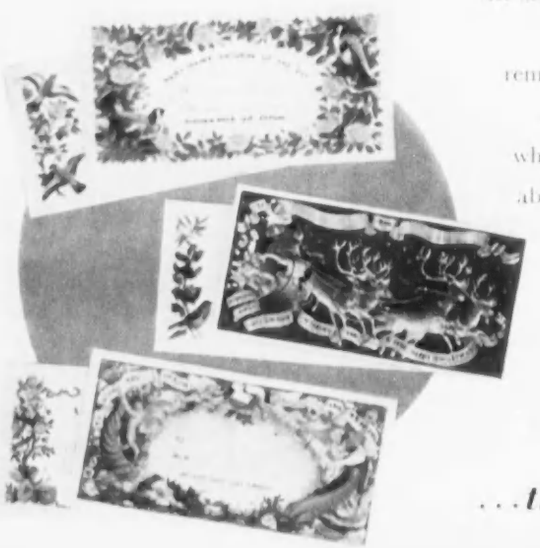

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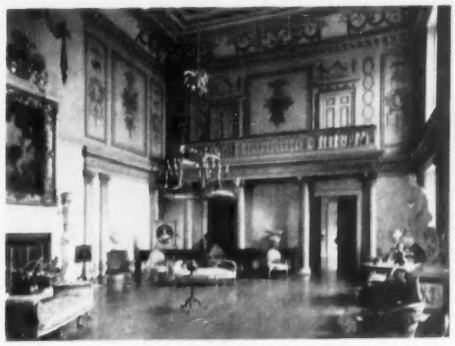

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Mains electricity and water.

Complete and efficient central heating.

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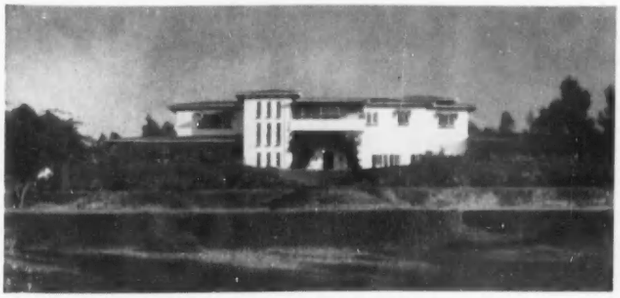

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All main services.

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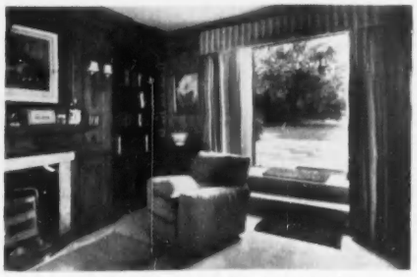

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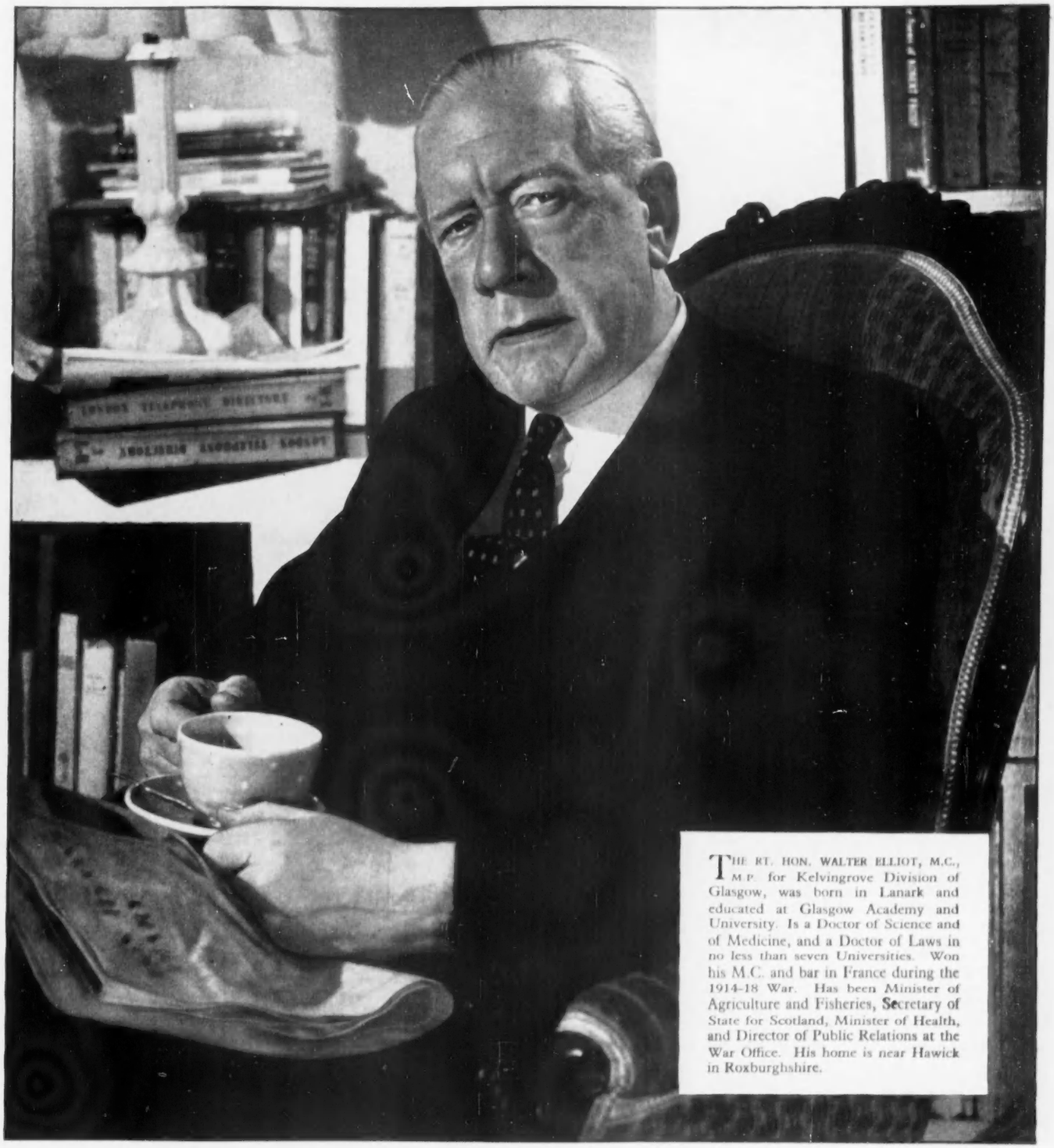

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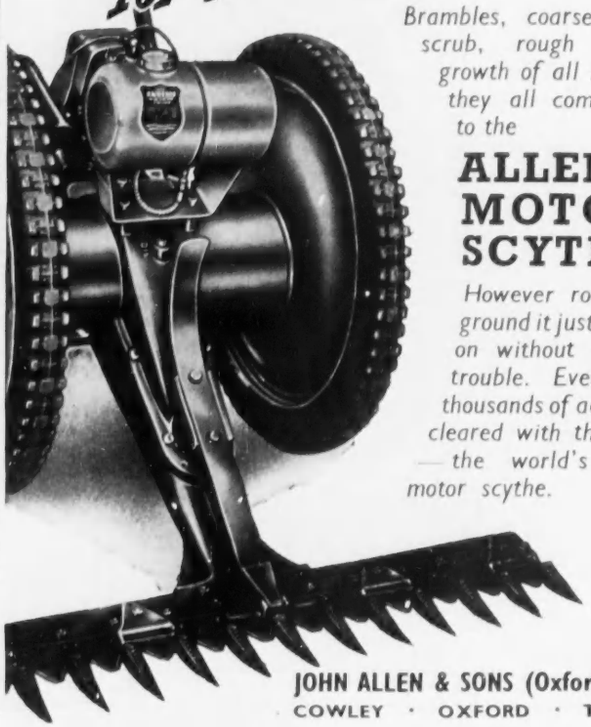

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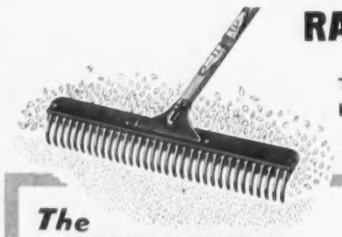

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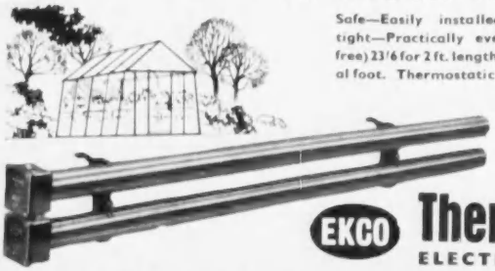

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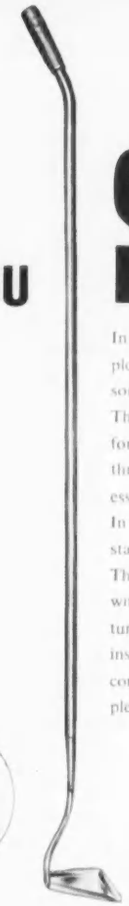

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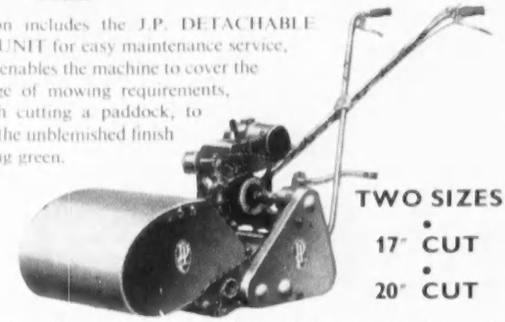

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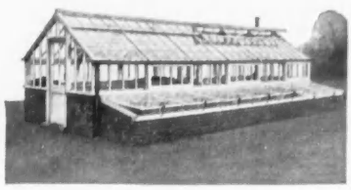

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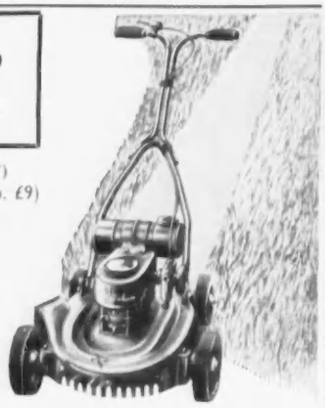

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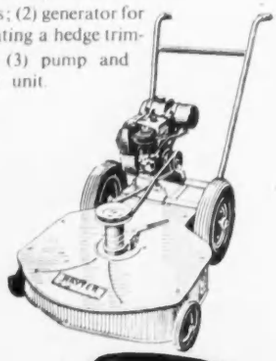

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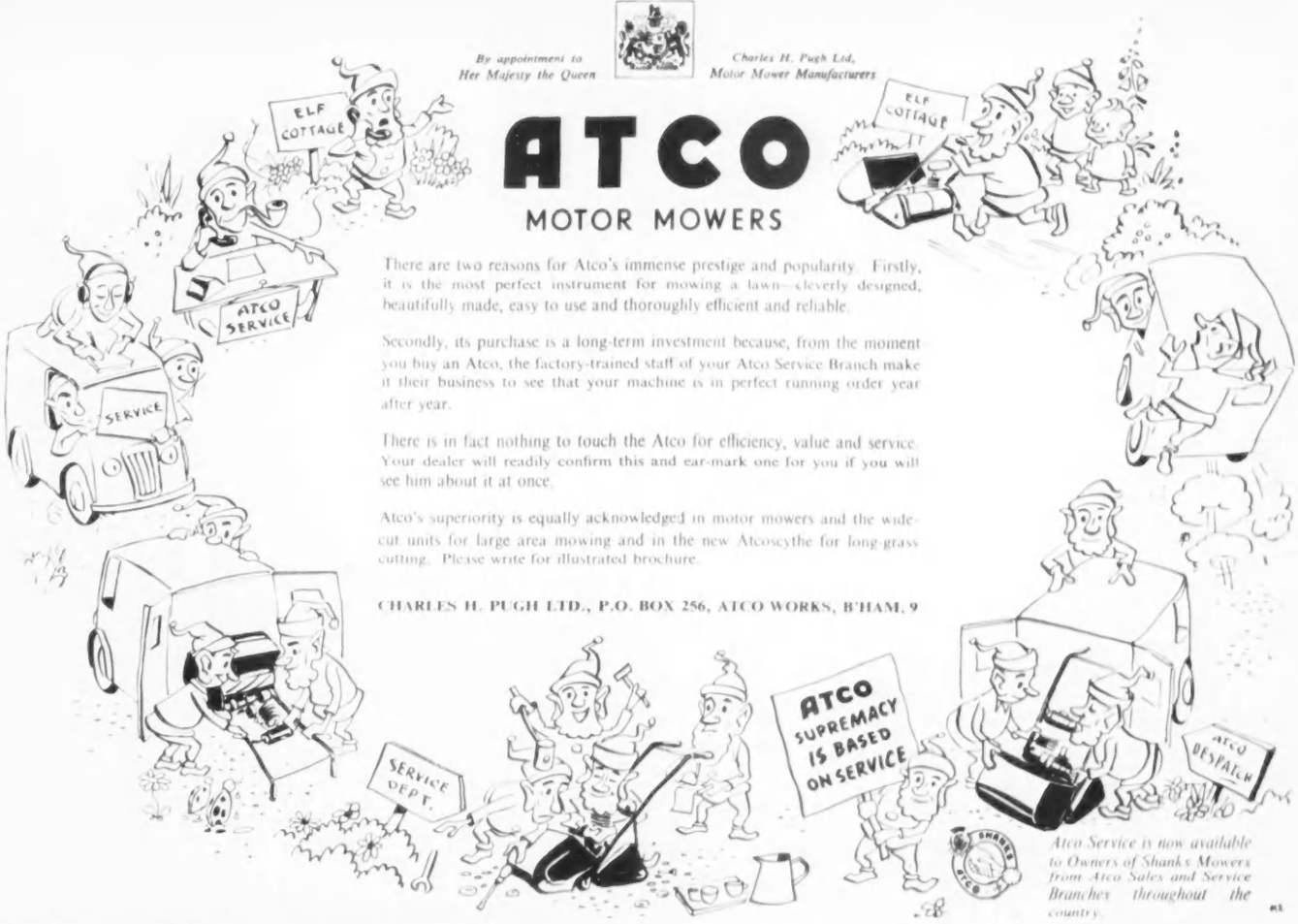

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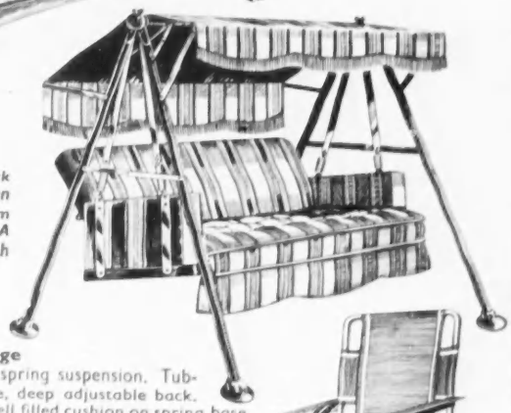

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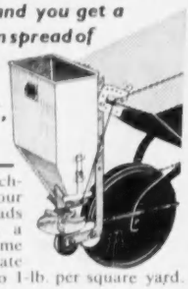

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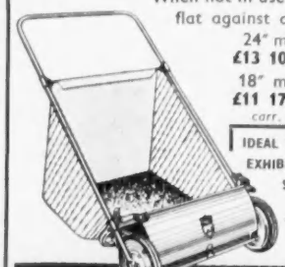

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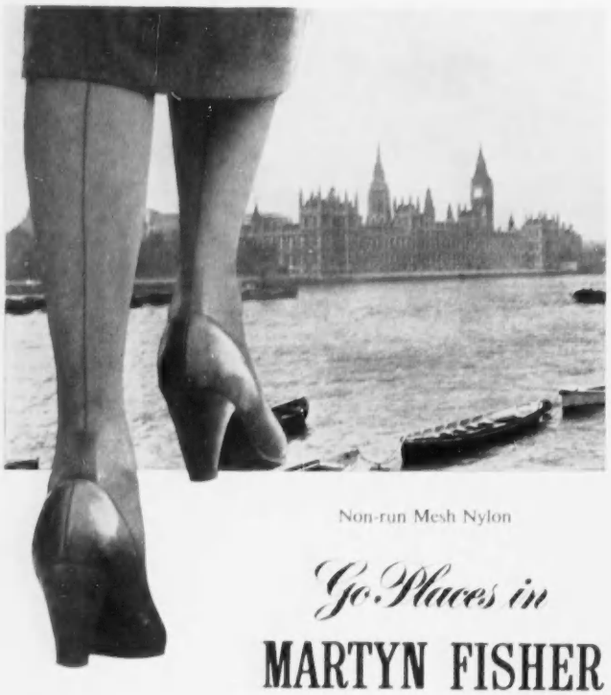

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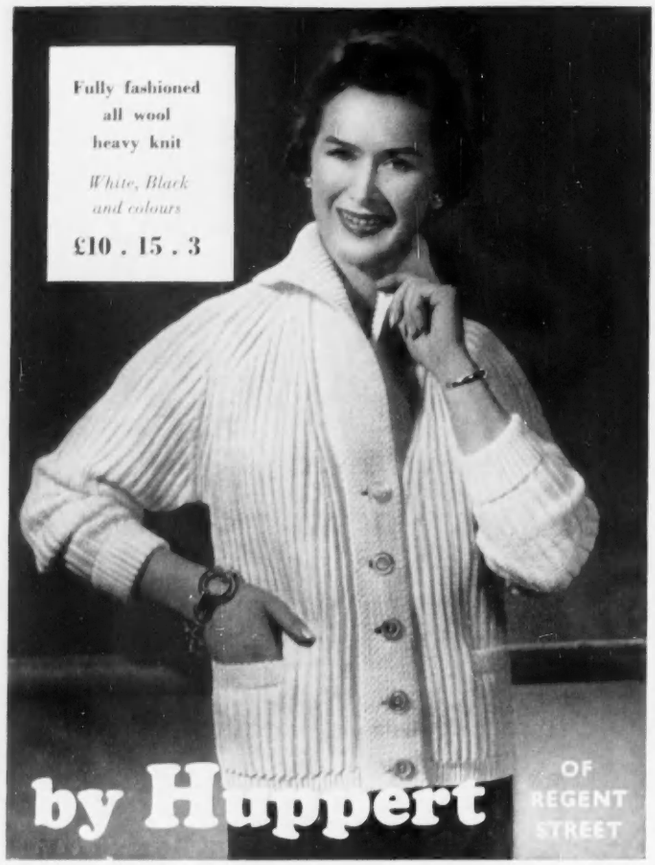

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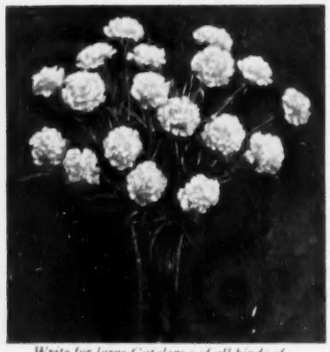

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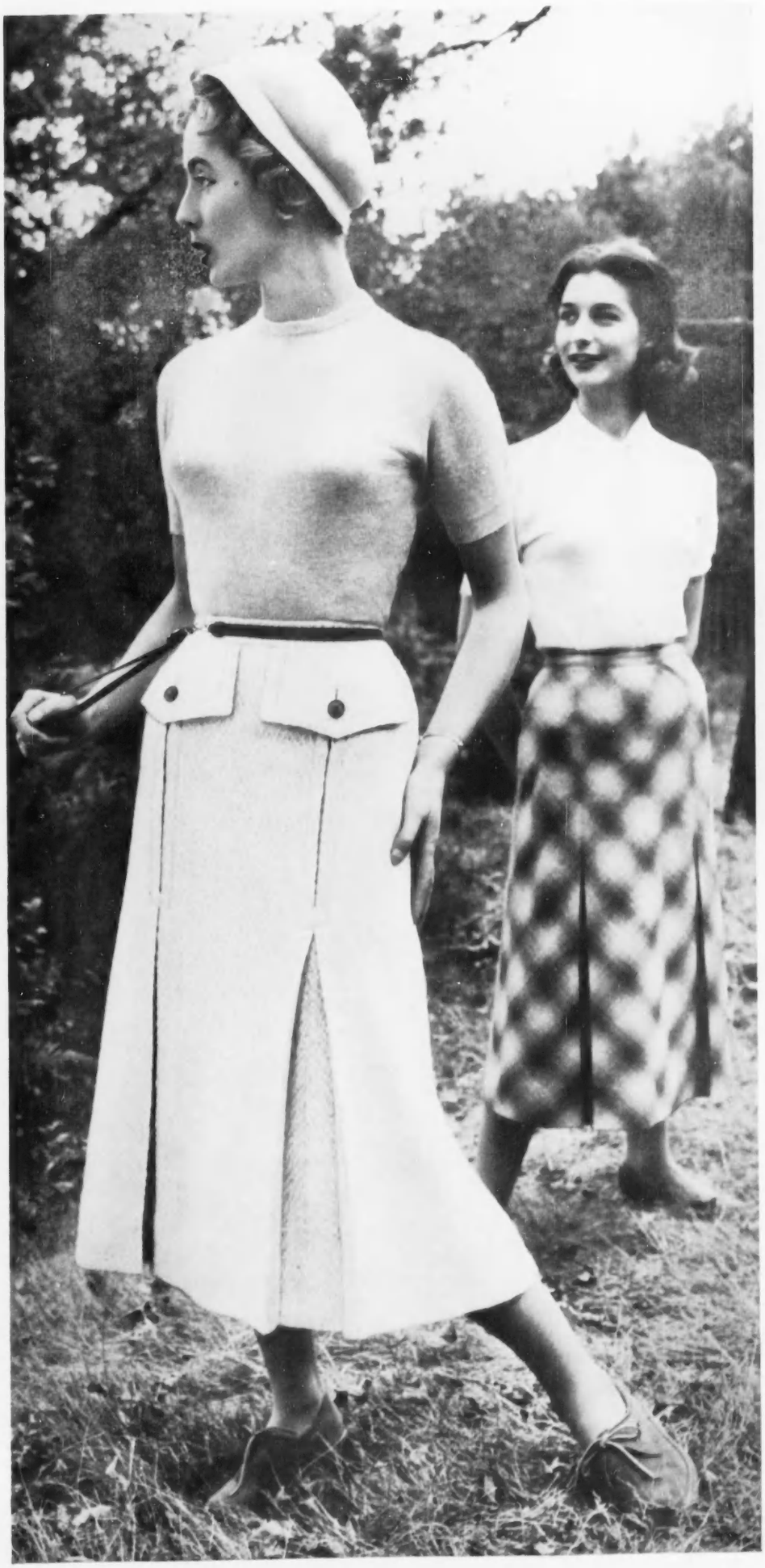

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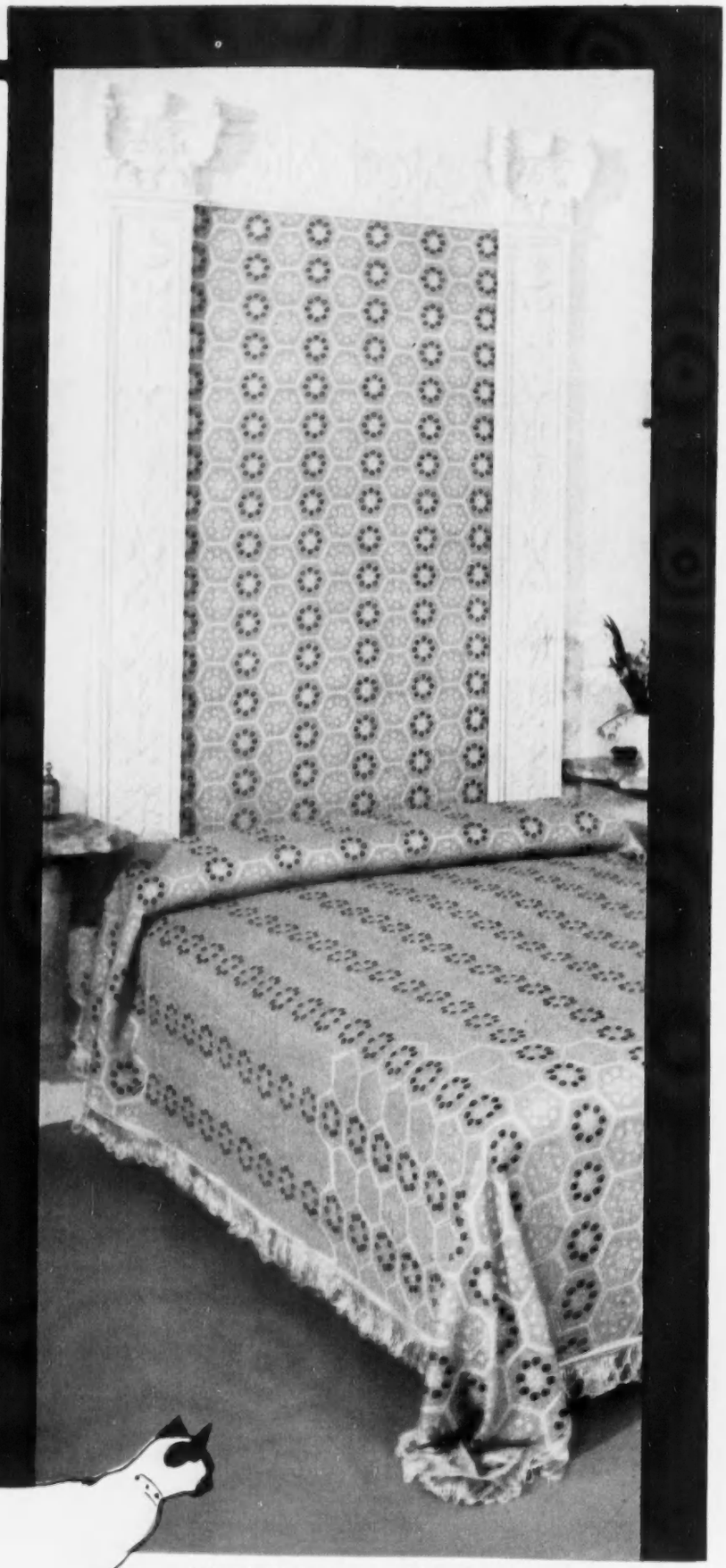

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PUBLICATION of the Government's scheme, designed by Messrs. Norman and Dawbarn, for the new Imperial College of Science at Brompton allows the public at length to see why destruction of the Imperial Institute, which it is to replace, has been so fervidly opposed. It also enables this demonstration of the purely utilitarian approach to planning and design to be compared with the revised scheme by Sir William Holford for the plan and architectural treatment for St. Paul's precincts, described on pages 538-9. Incidentally it is appropriate that comment on these two projects can be made in an issue of COUNTRY LIFE devoted specially to gardens and their design. For, although town planning is still often thought of as consisting of uncompromising lines and elementary geometrical shapes inherited from Renaissance theory, the correlation of the complex material factors involved by modern city planning with the promptings of the eye and imagination has come to be generally recognised as demanding of the town planner something of that empiricism which English garden designers were the first to realise as fundamental to pleasurable landscape and no less to town scenery.

The elastic organic method of planning is based on meeting fully all material requirements, but gives the latitude for account to be taken also of such imponderables as atmosphere, local character and scale, and for the uncompromising forms of modern building to be varied and grouped with regard to visual qualities. Previous plans for St. Paul's precincts have been unsatisfactory because they failed to make this synthesis. The new model, although adjustments no doubt will and (owing to its nature) can properly be made to it, shows outstandingly how the visual and the utilitarian can be fused into an organic composition—a modern restatement of the traditional cathedral close—by a sympathetic designer. The description which we publish draws attention to some of the many ways in which, reverently and subtly, Sir William has related Wren's masterpiece to a setting at once practical and imaginative.

A greater contrast to it could scarcely be found than the Brompton laboratories. Utterly efficient no doubt the College's design is in providing tens of thousands of feet of well-lit floor space for lecture rooms and workshops, fluid access, ample light and space. It may well be the finest technical training college in the world. But at what cost to the scenery and associations of the place? On utilitarian grounds the Royal College of Music has grudgingly and incongruously been incorporated, also the group of houses by Norman Shaw in Queen's Gate as a sop to the Royal Fine Art Commission. But in other respects the plan completely disregards its surroundings. Regular blocks of glass cases 120 ft. high are linked at right angles by lower ranges with identical gardens between. Can the result fail to be of a monotony passing conception? Despite the main alignment, no regard is paid to the north-south axis offered by the Albert Hall, at the south end of which should stand the Imperial Institute's tower. In its place is shown a huge but low assembly hall, the design of which is stated to be under revision. The whole conception, urgent and essential as is the College's expansion, should be revised. The appearance of the present scheme greatly strengthens the case for preserving the tower and central block of the Imperial Institute. The St. Paul's plan suggests how, with imagination, the plan might be rearranged, and emphasises the value of Colcutt's tower as a contrasting foil to these repetitive stratified cliffs.

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With paint and a peacock's eye;
The second sang: "Chiff-Chaff-Chiff!"
And hung between earth and sky.

From flower to flower the third,
Sipped honey and bumbled by;
It was only I who heard,
"Hosannah!" and "Crucify!"

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BIG BROTHER

WHILE public opinion has rightly been concerning itself with the fate of the Imperial Institute, the precincts of St. Paul's, and other plans for rebuilding London, a minor affront to good taste has passed almost without comment. The monument to Karl Marx unveiled last week in Highate Cemetery, where he lies buried, illustrates more forcibly than words all the most detestable features of the Communist creed—the blatant self-assertiveness, the passion for magnifying ugliness, the complete disregard of the feelings of others. This grotesque head several times bigger than life-size, on its massive granite plinth, completely dwarfing the restrained memorials that surround it, will be regarded by many not so much as a monument to Marx as to the cultural rawness of his disciples. That something so out of keeping with English sentiment and tradition should have been erected in a cemetery is deplorable.

CLOSE SEASON FOR DEER

IT will be remembered that when, in October, 1954, the *Report of the Committee on the Close-Seasons for Deer in Scotland* was published, the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr. James Stuart, declined to accept a 66 per cent. majority vote in favour of a close season, and recommended to the House that "the introduction of legislation at the present time would achieve no satisfactory results." His reason was, no doubt, the opposition of certain farming interests, but however well justified such opposition may have been, the report showed quite clearly the direction in which public opinion was moving, and was therefore a challenge for renewed efforts by those who had taken it upon themselves to fight for the cause of the deer. It would now appear that these efforts have not been in vain. During the past few months a number of meetings have taken place between the Scottish Landowners' Federation, the Nature Conservancy, the National Farmers' Union and other interested parties to see if some solution can be found to this most controversial problem. The result of the talks has been most encouraging, and subject to agreement that the close season shall become operative within a specified period after the passing of the Act—probably two years—there is every prospect of the Poaching Bill, which will include a close-season clause, going forward. The Close-Season and Poaching Bill will, however, be only part and parcel of a new measure of control over all deer forests which will be exercised by a Deer Commission representing the Nature Conservancy, farmers and landowners, with the Nature Conservancy having a deciding vote. If it is sensibly administered it will undoubtedly have a very good effect, particularly on those forests which might otherwise be over-shot. In short, deer-forest owners will be asked to agree to a general measure of control, particularly as regards deer stocks (a census of which is now being taken), and in return there will be a close season for deer and a Poaching Bill. It is an excellent compromise which will gain for Britain the respect of other countries who have long been critical of the manner in which we treat our deer. Is it too much to hope that a clause prohibiting the use of shotguns on deer may also be included?

FARM GUARANTEES

SIR JAMES TURNER and the leaders of the National Farmers' Union thought it wise in present circumstances to agree to the total sum of the Exchequer grants which the Government offered at the annual price review. The farmers pressed for more generous treatment of several products, notably milk, which interest a large number of N.F.U. members. But the Government, responsible for the spending of public money and the trend of agricultural policy, decided that fully enough milk is being produced and that it would be better for some high-cost producers to turn to beef production. Accordingly, dairy farmers are not to be fully recouped for their increased costs, notably labour, but the standard price for fat cattle is raised. It will worry small farmers not to have the individual price guarantee for their fatstock, particularly pigs. This was introduced when the markets were freed as a safeguard against buyers' rings which might force down prices at a local market for a week or two, but in practice the auctioneers have been careful to ensure fair trading and farmers have had the alternative market provided by their own organisation, the Fatstock Marketing Corporation. Some administrative staff will be saved and the collective guarantees, which matter most, remain much as before. The Minister has mentioned the possibility of finding some means of avoiding the annual uncertainty which comes with the price-review discussions in their present form. The Government must retain the right to steer prices on lines that suit the national economy, but it will be all to the good if a greater sense of continuity can be infused into farm-price policy.

THE TOURIST INDUSTRY

A REASSURING account of the renascence of tourism in this country since the war was given to the Royal Society of Arts last week. The figures announced by the Director-General of the British Travel and Holiday Association showed that, though our tourist industry is still a fledgling compared with most great industries, it is now growing up rapidly—from 819,000 visitors in 1953 (spending £80 millions) to an estimate of 1,125,000 visitors in 1956 (spending £170 millions). Mr. Bridges suggests, as a target worth aiming at, the figure of two million visitors spending £300 millions a year. To achieve this, however, the industry needs not only the whole-hearted support of the Government but that of the country as a whole. It has been handicapped in the past by being treated as a purely domestic concern and never as an important "export" industry. Laments about the incapacity of our hotels are manifold to-day. Mr. Bridges points out that they are handicapped by being treated as of little importance in the national economy. Most of our competitors abroad treat the hotel industry as of vital importance. Here, on the other hand, hotels are taxed more heavily than almost any manufacturing industry. The hotelier has to pay purchase tax on his equipment and is granted no rate concessions. Why should he not be encouraged, for instance, by having the benefit of commercial user rates for gas and electricity?

COVER PICTURE

Our cover picture, taken by a COUNTRY LIFE photographer, is of rhododendrons on Battleston Hill, Wisley, Surrey.

A COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

By IAN NIALL

NOT long ago, when they held a ploughing match in the next county to the one in which I live, they had to cancel the horse-ploughing event because they could not find suitable pairs of horses. What a change has come about in less than twenty years! Last spring, on my way back from fishing, I stopped to watch a crawler tractor working on a very steep face of a hill that towers above the road. An old man joined me and remarked that it was wonderful how anything so heavy could venture across such a dangerous slope. It had always been cultivated by the use of horses before, but the farmer had finally decided to shut the stable and rent a crawler for that particular job. I have no doubt that there are a number of plough teams scattered about the remote corners of North Wales. They cannot all have been sold to the horse-meat trade. The season before last the champion horse ploughman came from my county, and the old farmers round about were proud of the fact, even if they had all progressed to the use of tractors.

Our champion ploughman was to be found at a fashionable inn where, I believe, he served behind the bar. People came a long way to see him. He was quite a draw, by all accounts. The news that they could not find pairs of horses in the next county makes me wish I had gone to see the champion ploughman while there was still one to be seen. I went to numerous ploughing matches in my childhood, for my grandfather was an expert on ploughs and ploughing. He made and sold ploughs for many years, and his products were coveted by those who aspired to the honour of being a champion ploughman. The first ploughing match I went to was held when I was about five years old and our man, who was one of my idols, won a prize. I can remember being disappointed at not being allowed to ride on the neck of one of the team as I often did at home, but riding, leading and coaching were not permitted.

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AMONG the commoner fatalities in birds is that brought about by their colliding with things such as walls, windows and telegraph wires. I think telegraph-wire collisions are responsible for almost as many casualties as the work of predators. I saw two birds hit the same set of wires within a few minutes of each other not long ago. One, a robin, recovered after sitting on the grass in a dazed condition for some time. I went to it, and it appeared to be quite unaware of my presence; and after I had made sure that no cats were about I retreated. Later it recovered and flew off, but a thrush that hit the wire while I was investigating the accident to the robin came down in a cloud of feathers. It was dead when I picked it up, and I was interested to find that it had a ring on its leg bearing the number X65.268. I removed the ring and forwarded it to the Bird Ringing Committee of the British Trust for Ornithology at the British Museum. In due course I received a report. The thrush was ringed as a juvenile bird in September of last year. It had been ringed at Shipley in Yorkshire and had moved 85 miles W.S.W., apparently in the face of the hard weather we were having at the time.

Last year my son found a sparrow in the village and brought me a ring he found on its leg. I had hopes of finding something about the movement of sparrows but was disappointed. The bird was a local and had been ringed in my own district during the previous season. The same person may have ringed a jackdaw and one or two other birds I have noticed with rings on their legs.

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CAN anyone tell me how char are cooked? I have been trying to find out these few days past and rang up a friend who knows a lot about fish and has caught char. He could not help, for he has a habit of putting everything he catches back into the water. "Fried or done in butter as one might cook a trout, I suppose," was all he could offer. Someone else suggested that they might be cooked in milk, but I reminded him that he had said much the same thing about cooking sparling and smelts. A correspondent tells me that she has a pottery char dish made, she believes, for the purpose of serving char when they are cooked in some way peculiar to Windermere and Kendal. The dish is circular, 8 ins. wide, 1½ ins. deep and with a 1-in. rim decorated on the side with a coloured fish. Were the fish soused before they were served in this dish? My correspondent is inclined to think so. She once saw six beautiful examples of these dishes in an hotel. They were, alas, being used not for serving char, but as ash trays.

The char is a very uncommon fish so far as most people are concerned, and it follows that the way of cooking a char is confined to those who are uncommonly lucky in having them often enough to know something about the ways of bringing them to the table. Anticipating that I may one day catch a char, I should like to know beforehand how to cook it if I decide to eat the fish and not have it put in a glass case. The great Mrs. Beeton might say, "First catch your char;" but I am afraid that if I am lucky enough to catch one it might go off before I can perform the other difficult feat of uncovering someone who knows how to prepare the dish.

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PERHAPS I should apologise for returning to the subject of wart cures and repeat that I have never been afflicted with warts. The reason for this may be that I had a liking for walking along the tops of fences and other dangerous places, and doing this on one occasion I fell into the quenching tank outside the blacksmith's shop. It might have been much more unpleasant than that—the next tank contained gallons of whale oil used for hardening steel. My immersion was in nothing worse than water containing a large amount of iron scale.

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A READER who comes from Devon made me think about that experience when he wrote: "When I was a lad nearly every farm boy and girl in my home district of Hemyock, Devon, had a plentiful supply of warts on their hands. I had a bad lot myself. The older people used to say it was due to milking. Anyhow, there appeared no known cure. One day—I must have been about twelve—an old gypsy woman called at our house selling clothes pegs and the like. Presently she caught sight of my hands and said: 'My, but you have a fine crop of warts. Would you like to be rid of them?' 'Yes, indeed.' 'Well, go into the blacksmith's shop every day for a week and dip your hands into the trough in which he cools his tools. They'll disappear then. Don't wipe your hands. Just let them dry.' I did so and I have never seen a wart since. Other children did the same with the same result. Whether it is still done there now I have no idea."

Whether the quenching tank is really the best cure or not I cannot say. The weight of opinion (nearly a dozen letters on the subject) favours fasting saliva, although I am intrigued by an air mail from Cape Province that mentions "selling" one's warts. I was not able to discover how this is done exactly, but presumably one must find a willing purchaser.

A. Pilati

THE RECRUIT AND THE N.C.O.

1.—THE NORTH FRONT OF THE HOUSE FROM THE LAWN

A GRAND GARDEN IN MINIATURE

ST. PAUL'S WALDEN BURY, HERTFORDSHIRE—II

THE HOME OF THE HON. DAVID BOWES-LYON

By CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY

Laid out by Edward Gilbert probably c. 1725-30, on magnificent lines but to modest scale, the garden has associations with the unfortunate 9th Countess of Strathmore and, more happily and historically, with the childhood of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

FROM the Georgian façade, originally the entrance front of the house described last week, a level lawn extends. It is some sixty yards wide by a hundred and eighty long, bounded at the sides by avenues of pleached limes, and ends at the edge of the plateau, on which the house stands, in a curve broken by the entrances to three glades diverging into a wood. At the adjacent corners of the lawn stand a pair of magnificent sculptured wrestlers, their bulging marble muscles patinated by lichen and dappled by cast shadows, like gnarled limbs of oak. Hercules is certainly one of the combatants, and John Nost very likely their sculptor, probably about 1725 (Fig. 10).

The main glades, lined by beech hedges, make a *patte d'oie*, but the plan is not rigidly regular. The central glade is 600 yards long and twenty wide, but the others, of which the eastern alley is aligned on the tower of St. Paul's Walden Church (Fig. 5), are only five yards wide. The lateral extremities are linked by a cross-walk that intersects the central glade at about 400 yards, and there is another at about half that distance from the lawn. The wood, through which the glades lead, covers about sixty acres and is composed mainly of oaks, hornbeams and beeches. The older trees (Fig. 4) are of considerable

2.—THE CENTRAL GLADE, SEEN FROM AN UPPER WINDOW OF THE HOUSE

3.—LOOKING BACK FROM NEAR THE END OF THE CENTRAL GLADE

height and age, suggesting that the wood already existed when the alleys were cut through it. No advantage in the lay-out was taken of the contours of the valley that crosses the site just south of the lawn, though the fall and rise contributes an element of variety to the regularity of the main vista, accentuating its length, and enabled shallow terraces and a mount to be formed in a retired enclosure of great beauty hidden in the western section of the grove (Fig. 6).

At the far end of the central vista we again find a Hercules (Fig. 4) standing some twelve feet high with his pedestal of "rustic grottesque" work. Though in stance he faces the vista, he looks over his shoulder to an octagonal summer-house at the north-east corner of the lay-out. This charming building was originally taller, but it had become ruinous, and when restored after the war the new roof and cornice were set somewhat lower. The date 1725 has been roughly cut on one of the bricks, giving the only clue (if it is to be trusted) for the date of the lay-out.

If we turn out of the broad walk along the cross path at the bottom of the valley, a domed *tempietto* terminates the vista to the west (Fig. 7). It is the only ornament of its kind at any of the lay-out's nodal points, and its presence is due to Mrs. David Bowes-Lyon, who rescued it from the break-up of Copped Hall after the war.

From this alley we can reach a splendid

4.—THE STATUE OF HERCULES AT THE END OF THE CENTRAL GLADE. The octagonal summer-house bears the date 1725. (*Right*) 5.—THE NORTH-EASTERN GLADE FROM THE LAWN. It is aligned on St. Paul's Walden Church

6.—FROM THE TEMPLE OF THE RUNNING FOOTMAN. (*Right*) 7.—AT THE END OF ONE OF THE GLADES

flight of steps climbing out of the wood, and discover an unsuspected expanse of enclosed lawn (Fig. 8). At their head a lead cast of the Discobolus has hurled his discus across a transverse canal in the direction of a rotunda set on a mount at the north end of the enclosure beyond three ramped terraces. By long usage this athletic Greek, and hence his garden, has been known as the Running Footman. Both he and the temple are original denizens of this enclosure, the Rococo outline of which can be seen from the latter's eminence (Fig. 6). But that outline and the lawn itself had become almost lost in encroaching undergrowth when Mr. Bowes-Lyon, with the help of Mr. Geoffrey Jellicoe, set about this enclosed garden's rehabilitation; to them are due the lovely pattern of the steps, the canal and the pair of sphinxes (also from Copped Hall) that guard the temple.

It is indeed due in large measure to Mr. Bowes-Lyon's devotion to it that the whole of this ravishing example of an early Georgian lay-out has been preserved and where necessary restored. When he and his brothers and sisters were children, what endless enchantment must its groves have held! Certainly no future princess can have spent more golden days than Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in her girlhood here, nor can any walks be imagined more exquisitely suited for a promenade that, unbeknown to them, was to lead the Duke of York and the Lady Elizabeth to the Throne of England together!

Historic as this garden has become, little more is to be ascertained of its own history than we found last week in connection with the house. Edward Gilbert was evidently in active possession about 1725; twenty years later he became the father-in-law of George Bowes, M.P., of Gibside; and he died aged 82 in 1762. Mrs. Bowes completed in 1767 the new front of the house which her father very likely had begun; for there can be little doubt that at least the centre of it and the main lines of the garden were conceived together in relationship to each other, in a style with which a date *c.* 1725-30 is consistent.

It is, however, remarkable that, in addition to Gilbert, two other notable gardeners should have been connected with the Bury: George Bowes who himself laid out the park landscape at Gibside; and his unhappy daughter Lady Strathmore. It is not improbable that Bowes, after his marriage, often came to St. Paul's Walden when his Parliamentary duties kept him in the South; and, since his Gibside lay-out consisted largely of avenues and regular vistas, that he approved of old Mr. Gilbert's design. He may not only have encouraged him to persevere with it, but have consequently adopted for Gibside a style at that time outmoded.

8.—THE ENTRANCE TO THE RUNNING FOOTMAN GARDEN. It takes its name from the Discobolus statue above the steps

The plan of radiating and intersecting alleys diverging from a lawn but ignoring the contours of the ground was already rather old-fashioned in the 1720s, compared with professional work, though allowable for an amateur. It belongs to the type that London and Wise were designing around 1700 (for example, Melbourne Hall, Derbyshire), in contrast to Bridgeman's and Switzer's more pictorial plans of *c.* 1720-30 employing the ha-ha, and shows no sign of the incipient naturalism (stylised though it was) which Pope advocated and Kent began to develop in the later '30s at Stowe and Rousham.

Mrs. George Bowes can be eliminated from among the gardeners; but it is likely that she was commemorated by her daughter, Lady Strathmore, by the very beautiful lead group depicting Charity that now stands near the approach to the house from the south (Fig. 11). Mrs. Bowes is described as "a truly good and charitable woman; indeed her charity was indiscreet. As St. Paul's Walden lies out of the common road, the beggars which flocked there infested the parish (yet) she gave food, clothing, and lodging to all who came."* If that is the case, the statue

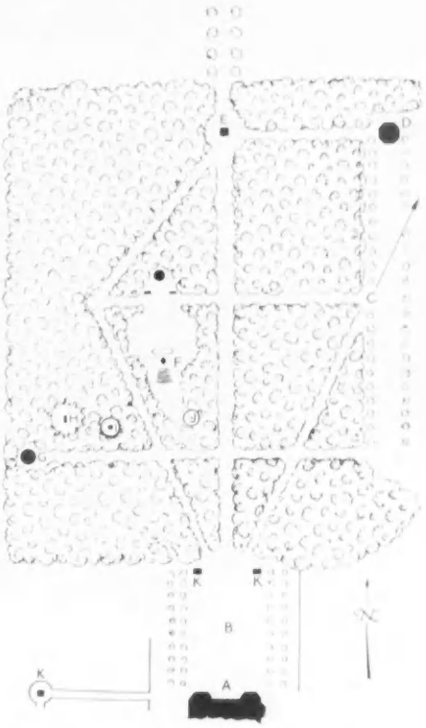
* Jesse Foot. *The Lives of Andrew Robinson Bowes Esq. and the Countess of Strathmore*, p. 49.

will have been erected about 1778, soon after she had died of grief following her daughter's second marriage, and may be attributable to John Cheere (brother of the better-known Sir Henry) who carried on Nost's business and was producing fine lead figures certainly until 1775 (Rupert Gunnis, *Dictionary of British Sculptors*).

The garden sculpture at the Bury is not only of high merit in itself, but actually played a part in the sorry drama of Countess Mary Eleanor's marriage to Andrew Robinson Stoney. That unprincipled adventurer, making an assignation with her at the Bury, wrote in the winter of 1776: "You may think me whimsical: but on Thursday next at one o'clock I shall be in the garden at St. Pauls Walden. There is a leaden statue, or there was formerly, and near that spot (for it lives in my remembrance) I shall wait."* The most appropriate spot for this tryst might well have been in the depths of the grove beside the Running Footman.

Lady Strathmore inherited the Bury at her mother's death, when her troubles led to the garden's being neglected. Yet there is some evidence of her previously having actively participated in its planting. It was claimed for her that she was "the most intelligent female botanist of her age;" during her short widowhood she built hot-houses in a garden at Chelsea where she raised exotics; she was acquainted with Sir Joseph Banks and Dr. Solander (inventor of the cases called after him); and her albums of flower paintings remain at the Bury. In 1783, four years after her remarriage, Dr. Foot attended the Countess here and found her "wonderfully altered and dejected." But "I did get one morning's walk with her in the once beautiful pleasure garden, where, in spite of the ruinous state of it, much was left for admiration; because the taste which gave it creation was not yet totally obliterated. The Countess pointed out to us the concern she had formerly taken in the shrubs, the flower beds, the lawns, the alcoves and the walks, even the assistance her own hand had lent to individual articles."*

* Jesse Foot, p. 24.



9.—SKETCH PLAN OF THE LAY-OUT. A, North front of house; B, Lawns; C, Vista to church tower; D, Octagonal summer-house; E, Hercules statue; F, Running footman; G, Copped Hall temple; H, Urn on grave of Lady Strathmore's dog, 1767; I, Swan fountain; J, "Frying-pan" fountain; K, Wrestler statues

So little of this *cause célèbre* actually, however, took place at the Bury that its nature can only be indicated. After the death of Lord Strathmore, Stoney prevailed in a duel with a Mr. Gray, with whom the Countess was already compromised, and she, becoming infatuated with this disreputable gambler, married him. He took the name of Bowes, proceeded to run through the greater part of her money, of which he had contrived to get control, and, when she appealed to the Courts, showed his true colour by kidnapping her and trying, under threat of murder, to force her into signing away the remainder of her fortune, before he was apprehended and imprisoned. The unfortunate lady died in 1800, when she was buried as her wealth, if not her virtues, demanded in Westminster Abbey.

The 10th Earl, her eldest son by her first marriage, succeeded in getting overruled A. R. Bowes's villainous claims on his patrimony, and his brother the Hon. George Bowes-Lyon made his home at St. Paul's Walden. Subsequently the Bury became the property of Lord Glamis, and when he predeceased his father, the 11th Earl, passed to his widow. On her death in 1881 she gave the estate to her nephew, the late Earl, then Lord Glamis, who in that year married Miss Nina Cavendish-Bentinck. Lord and Lady Glamis found it necessary in 1887 to rebuild what remained of the older parts of the house. It was not till 1904 that Lord Glamis succeeded his father as 14th Earl of Strathmore, and, as he continued to reside frequently at the Bury, his children were not only brought up but spent much of their youth there. Since the war it has been the home of his youngest son, to whose other activities the Presidency of the Royal Horticultural Society was recently added. This honour is well merited, for elsewhere at the Bury Mr. Bowes-Lyon has proved himself a gardener of great taste and skill in the contemporary style, besides earning the gratitude of all garden-lovers by his care for this precious survival of an earlier manner, description of which has monopolised this article.

* Jesse Foot, p. 85.

10.—ONE OF THE GROUPS OF WRESTLERS ON THE LAWN. (*Right*) 11.—LEAD FIGURE OF CHARITY. BY JOHN CHEERE (?)

STOATS AND WEASELS WITHOUT RABBITS

Written and Illustrated by FRANCES PITT

HOW are our small hunters, the stoat and the weasel, faring in Britain to-day now that myxomatosis has almost wiped the rabbit from the land? We know the stoat as a determined, indeed a desperate, hunter of rabbits, an animal seemingly wedded to one quarry which it hunts with ruthless efficiency. The loss of the rabbit must make a change in its economy, for surely without its accustomed prey it must find things difficult and be hard put to maintain itself.

The picture is different in the case of the weasel, for it has never linked its fortunes with those of the rabbit. This is not to say that it would turn aside from a nice young one, a juvenile within its powers to capture, hold and kill, but an adult rabbit is beyond it, being much too big and strong for this smallest of our carnivorous mammals. Its quarry is of lesser, weaker type, including such animals as the meadow voles, bank voles and long-tailed mice. The weasel is essentially a mouse hunter.

With regard to the stoat and the rabbit, we must not forget that as time goes in zoological matters the rabbit is a newcomer to our islands, having arrived here in quite recent years, some people believe with the Norman invaders. The stoat, on the contrary, must have settled here a long time ago, witness the way it has been differentiated into local races. The stoat of England, Wales and the greater part of Scotland is slightly larger than the Continental form. It has been named *Mustela erminea stabilis*. On the islands of Jura and Islay is found a smaller form that has been accorded sub-specific rank as *M. e. ricinae*. And in the Isle of Man and in Ireland there is another race, sufficiently distinct according to some opinion to receive full specific rank, though usually described as a sub-species, *M. e. hibernica*. This Irish stoat is small and has less white on the throat and underparts than the British stoat. But all these stoats are much alike and do not differ to any great extent from the forms found across the Channel, through most of Europe and far into Asia.

Apropos of the Irish stoat, it is interesting to note that the weasel has not succeeded in getting across the Irish Channel. The so-called "weasel" of Ireland is the stoat. The Irish are not the only folk who sometimes confuse the stoat and the weasel, for many English people do not know them apart and are unaware of the many differences between them. The stoat is considerably the bigger, is a richer brown, has larger ears and a longer tail, which bears a handsome pencil of black hairs at the end, a distinction retained even when the owner assumes a white winter coat.

The weasel is of sandy hue and has a comparatively short tail that never bears a terminal pencil of dark hairs. The sexes in both stoat and weasel differ considerably in size, but even the smallest of female stoats is bigger than the largest of male weasels. Here the stoat seldom assumes that lovely white winter jacket in which it becomes the ermine, whose fur graces many a state robe, but in the more northern parts of the Continent, where snow comes early and lies late, this transformation is a regular thing.

THE STOAT, WHICH FED MAINLY ON RABBITS BEFORE THE ONSET OF MYXOMATOSIS. Though it may find food harder to come by to-day, it no longer has to fear the rabbit-catcher's traps

A memory of my youth, of a time when rabbits were plentiful in the countryside, concerns a number of rabbits feeding and hopping around on the turf near a wood. It was a sunny, sheltered spot and everything was quiet and peaceful, but my attention was caught and held by something white in the middle of the rabbits. It was an animal and it was alive, indeed very much so, for it was dancing around in a most joyous manner. Was it a white ferret? No, it was not the right size and shape and it had a black tip to its tail; it was a stoat! And a fine male at that. It was very conspicuous as it played round an ant-hill and the rabbits could not fail to see it, but they paid it no heed. Ordinarily the mere hint of a stoat around is enough to make rabbits bolt in headlong panic, but now they were indifferent. Perhaps they did not realise the identity of their neighbour, failing to recognise this strange white creature as a deadly stoat, but seeing how largely animal recognition is a matter of smell this does not seem likely. Undoubtedly the stoat was in playful mood and not hunting, and possibly they were in some way aware of this, sensing that it was harmless, if only for the time being. Anyhow, when I went on my way the stoat was still gambolling about the ant-hill.

It was a long while later when I met my next white stoat, and it was on a chill January day, with a keen east wind blowing across a wide meadow. I was walking over the turf when I saw a little way ahead what I took to be a strip of white paper being wafted from tussock to tussock by the gale. Staring at it I realised it was no sheet of paper but a white stoat. She, for it was small and therefore almost certainly a female, galloped on in frisky bounds, her black tipped tail flourished behind her, to disappear finally into a near-by wood.

Although my first white stoat was a male, there seems to be a preponderance of females among the ermines of England, though why I cannot imagine, for as one goes north, into Scandinavia for example, all individuals of both sexes moult into the white uniform at the approach of winter. By the way, the transformation is brought about by the casting of the summer coat and the growth of new fur, not by any bleaching of the hairs. It is rather remarkable that, though the weasel also turns white in winter in the northern parts of its range, it is not nearly so prone to doing so in the south, a white weasel in Britain being a rarity and more likely to be an albino freak than an example of the seasonal change.

From all these remarks it is apparent that both stoat and weasel go much farther north than the rabbit and find an excellent living in countries where the mountain hare is the only sizeable rodent of rabbit type, though there cannot be any real comparison between this hare and the rabbit.

On what then does the stoat live when the larger rodents are scarce or non-existent? In Scandinavia there are plenty of mice and voles, and in some seasons numbers of lemmings. In the British Isles too there are plenty of voles and mice, including water voles in their riverside burrows. Then there are rats in hedge-banks and stack-yards, plus such birds as can be snatched by a quick-witted hunter, eggs in their season, nestlings and chicks; nor must we forget to put squirrels, both grey and red, on the list. I have seen a stoat run up a slightly slanting oak with ease; indeed, it is no mean climber and capable of surprising feats of activity. That a stoat could catch an adult grey or red squirrel in fair chase through the

MALE WEASEL, WHICH FEEDS MAINLY ON VOLES AND MICE. Myxomatosis will thus have had little effect on its food supply

tree-tops I do not suggest, but I am sure that stoats commonly raid squirrel dreys and destroy many young ones.

Regular readers of this journal may remember my account in the issue of September 15, 1955, of Mrs. Eatough's colony of window-tame red squirrels, which colony I am glad to report is still flourishing. She lately suspected some losses among the juveniles but attributed it to the vagaries of the weather, until one day she heard a shot near the house and went out to find the keeper with a dead stoat in his hand. She examined the animal, found it to be heavily infested with fleas, bottled some specimens, sent them to the experts at Tring for examination and was told they were all squirrel fleas.

Apropos of stoat activity, I had two male stoats for some time. They had been obtained by a friend when about half-grown and were semi-tame. The way they climbed about in the shed where they had their headquarters was amazing. Eventually they made their escape through a tiny hole in a board of the wooden wall, to disappear into the woods. I often wished I could have had them when they were quite young, for I am sure that they would have been lovely pets, inquisitive, intelligent and very playful. A weasel taken when small becomes delightfully confiding. I was privileged to be introduced to Mr. Drabble's pet weasel. It jumped on to my arm, ran up on to my shoulder, sniffed round my neck and then climbed on to my hat, all the time making small twittering noises of birdlike quality.

Both the stoat and the weasel are intensely curious. If you surprise one of these animals and it runs away all you have to do is to stand still, and it will surely return to have another look at you. One day near my Shropshire home I came on a small stoat, from its size undoubtedly a female, but it vanished down a near-by rabbit-hole before I could get a good look at it, so I just stood and uttered a thin shrill squeal between my clenched teeth. Out popped the stoat to see what the noise was about, only to catch sight of me, utter a hiss of disapproval and disappear again; however I soon lured her back, when she came right out of the hole and sat up on her hind legs in begging attitude, her little furry white forepaws hanging before her, and stared at me with enquiring dark eyes. But she did not like what she saw; she uttered a sound, half hiss, half spit, and again vanished, this time for good.

An equally beautiful little female stoat in Norway, in the Hardanger area, behaved in much the same fashion, popping in and out of some wayside rocks again and again, lured from her lair between the stones by my squeals.

We seldom meet with more than one stoat or weasel at a time, both being solitary hunters, yet now and again we are told of stoats roaming the country in packs. A correspondent related an episode in which a hundred or more animals were said to be involved. What is to be made of such stories? I think they are based on family parties, plus excitement, imagination and miscomprehension on the part of the observer. A stoat may have five or six young in a litter, and for a short while after leaving the nest they will follow the mother around. I saw an old stoat and six juveniles crossing a field by means of a dry ditch, the young ones running in and out of the grass until the herbage seemed alive with stoats and it was easy to multiply them, but I counted them carefully when they crossed some bare ground and there were no more than seven all told. However, the way they snaked in and around the grass tussocks was quite eerie and even I felt the sight was almost unpleasant.

I have also watched a family of weasels playing about an old tree stump, and again the little serpentine animals gave a quite uncanny display, appearing and disappearing in an almost miraculous manner. There were probably no more than four or five, but it seemed as if they numbered a score or more. These family forays are merely a swiftly passing phase. The litters soon break up and the individuals go off, each bent on his or her own affairs.

And now we must return to the position of the stoat and weasel in Britain to-day, with especial reference to their food problems. So far as the weasel is concerned there has been no major change in the situation, its chief quarry, the small rodents, being unaffected by the rabbit scourge. The weasel's position is as it was, except for the fact that the rabbit-catcher has followed the rabbit and disappeared from the landscape, and the rabbit-catcher's traps took heavy toll of all creatures that ran in and out or even about rabbit-holes. Many weasels and still more stoats were killed in this way. Whatever the stoat may have lost in the way of an easy food supply it has gained by the absence of rabbit-catchers and their deadly gin-traps. It is true that the gamekeeper remains an unrelenting foe, but gamekeepers to-day are by no means so numerous a band as they were in the Edwardian hey-day of game preservation.

These remarks apply not only to our familiar stoat and weasel but also the polecat in the valleys of Wales and the pine marten in its wild refuges. The disappearance of the rabbit may not affect them—except, perhaps, the stoat—to any major extent, but the disappearance of the rabbit-catcher is a boon indeed. I think all of our smaller predatory mammals are likely to find the loss of the rabbit and the rabbit-catcher quite a blessing!

CLEANING THE BECK

By **DUDLEY HOYS**

SOME weeks ago, starting to clean up a little beck that drains some of our fields, I discovered what seemed the answer to a mystery dating from last autumn. Every October the princely salmon arrive to spawn in these puny channels that we call gutters, a curiously humble birth-place for such royal fish. There they twist and scrape and work away until they have scoured a bright patch in the granite gravel of the bed, sometimes dislodging quite large stones. And somewhere near by, lurking in slime and shadow, wait those ravening eels, scheming to gorge their disgusting selves on the spawn.

But the October of 1955 was an exception. In the upper reaches of the beck we saw not a salmon, nor any dark slithering to betray an eel. We juggled with theories, shook our heads in wonder and finally gave up guessing. It was only when I began to gouge into the beck this early spring that a reasonable theory came to light. Last year's dry and idyllic summer had made a dreadful mess of the bed. "Gey clarty" was how a shepherd described it, and it certainly deserved the title, a gummed-up, sticky jungle. Through all those flaming months every kind of weed had flourished in the damp shade. Twigs, dead stems, leaves, flecks of peat, unchallenged by any cleansing spate, had built up into a tenacious mulch. The shepherd said: "Reckon them salmon couldn't make nowt o' the spot. Reckon they stopped lower doon where beck's nay so choked." Well, likely they did.

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It proved to be the toughest job of guttering I have tackled for a long while. With a pear-shaped spade sharpened on the grindstone I kept jabbing into the stuff, using both arms and a ramming heel. Soil and stones were minor enemies. But bog-myrtle and those tubular reeds dubbed "seeves" by the dalesfolk offered positively dynamic resistance. The myrtle had twined its snaky roots deep into the gravel and rock. The seeves were anchored as if confidently willing to moor the *Queen Elizabeth*. I did all I pantingly could with the spade before passing to the second stage of the operation, heaving the chunks clear with a muck-drag.

Usually a bit of leverage on those curved, steel tines brings anything free. But this time it meant resorting to a deal more effort. Anybody watching from the fell fells above might have thought I was rehearsing some peculiar folk-dance. The tines thrust well in, the handle of the drag against my stomach, elbows tight to the waist, I had to bend to and fro in a rocking motion, gradually widening the arc as root resistance lessened. Sloshy "glug-glugging" rose as a musical accompaniment to the dance. Every dripping chunk ripped out was a moment of breathless triumph.

It struck me, ironically, that two or three successive dry summers could be a serious menace to our field-drainage system. A beck that never helped to clean itself could silt up and eventually turn the neighbouring land into a swamp.

I cleared a section of myrtle and seaves and odd, nameless debris. The bed showed pinkish-grey, clean, glistening. A sigh of satisfaction ended in a puzzled grunt. There were still things wavering whitely above the pinkness, rather like streamers of limp macaroni. They were the roots of some water-weed entirely new to me. In dipped the tines of the muck-drag, scrabbling among them and hauling. The effect of this effort was exactly nothing. These jellified tentacles refused to be gripped, always dodging capture at the last second. They reminded me of that childhood game of trying to tilt a glass-topped case so that a bead rolls about and lodges itself in a hole scarcely large enough to trap it. A good name for it would be "So near and yet so far." In the end I fetched a collar-rake, and using one metal corner of it as a pick-axe, kept chopping it on the tentacles until they broke away in sloppy fragments.

I suppose the professional gutterer would have eyed me with dour scorn. Against all common sense and the rules of the game, I was working downstream, not upstream. Now, any dale farmer would call that feckless, because to work upstream is to gain two advantages. Every sodden gobbet yanked out of the bed encourages more water to fill the gap, and that in turn quickens the current, and that in turn puts more pressure on the messy fringes above, helping to loosen them. Also, the actual dragging out of chunks downstream is partly a matter of letting them be urged by the current. I would never dream of contradicting this obvious wisdom.

But if you rather like playing about with mud and water, how can you bear to lose half the fun? Work downstream for perhaps ten yards, let the cleared channel flow sweetly, and all sorts of bits and pieces float along and congeal below into a plump but temporary dam. Lean on your rake and wait and watch. Suddenly there is a "whoomph," a loud, sucking gurgle. The dam collapses, and a miniature tidal wave leaps up and forward with the ecstasy of the bridal song in *Hiawatha*. That bubbling crisis is worth the extra effort.

At least, it is to me. Resting again on the rake, and surveying an awkward hollow in the field, between the beck and the bordering stone wall, I was rebuked by the sober thought that some bygone dalesman had to sink land-drainage there. The beck itself was not and is not enough. He dug down through the peaty soil and between granite boulders, shaping a thin, deep trench. The bottom of this he lined with chosen stones, fitting them neatly, and padding them with brackens, to ensure a series of chunks. They received the surface water from the trough and drained it to a lower level. Above them he carefully replaced the soil.

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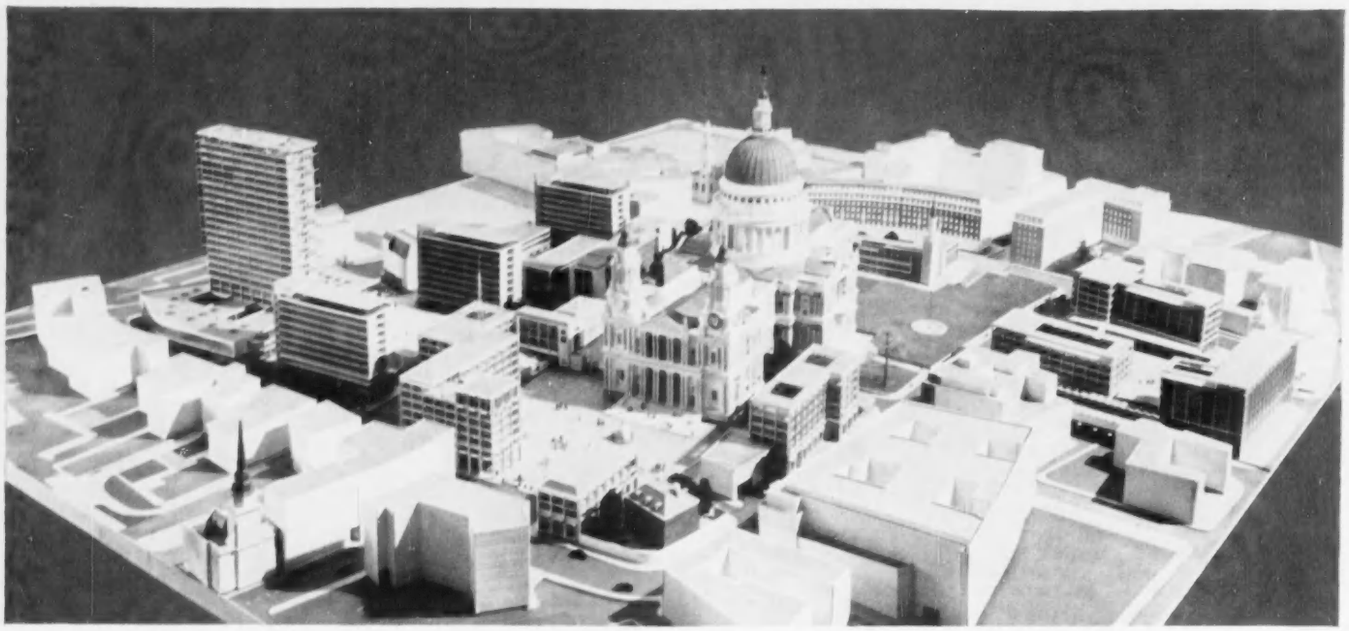
I know all this because a couple of years since the trough grew boggy, and we drove down bore-holes into the suspected drainage system, to find out precisely where it was and what had gone wrong. We made respectful comments about the nature and extent of that century-old work. I feel that the dalesman who carried it out would never have approved of my methods. I salute his memory. But I shall continue to gutter downstream.

MODEL FOR ST. PAUL'S PRECINCTS

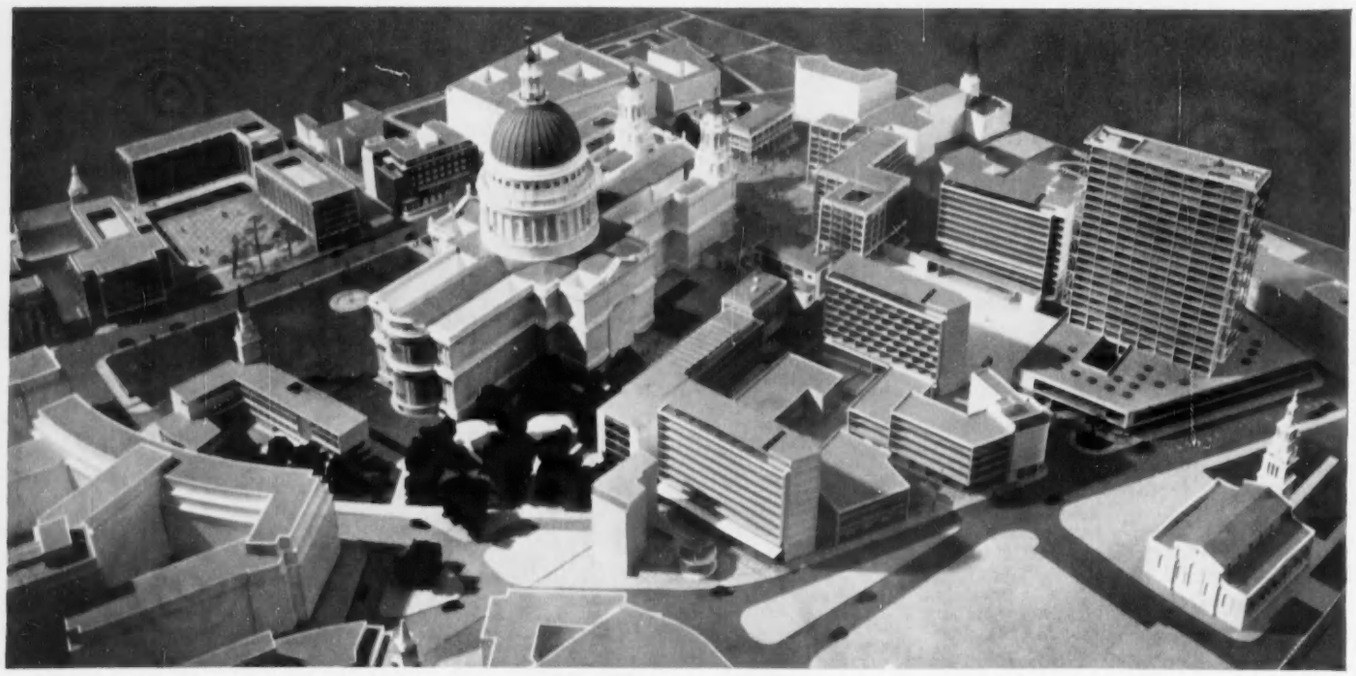


1.—GENERAL VIEW OF THE MODEL OF THE PROPOSED PRECINCTS OF ST. PAUL'S FROM THE SOUTH-WEST. East-west traffic is diverted this side of the buildings, including the Deanery, shown below the west front. Temple Bar is re-erected just beyond the base of the north-west tower. On the south-east a great lawn extends to the tower of St. Augustin's and the new Choir School

SIR WILLIAM HOLFORD has now presented to the Court of Common Council his proposals for the planning of the area round St. Paul's. His appointment a year ago followed the criticisms of the previous scheme recommending traditional buildings of uniform height round the Churchyard, which failed to take account of the practical and visual opportunities and was likely to conflict instead of harmonise with the subtle proportions of the Cathedral. The new proposals demonstrate by means of a magnificent model the possibilities of organic treatment of the precincts. It should, however, be recognised that the buildings shown, other than those actually existing or approved, are imaginary. Carefully, indeed beautifully, designed as many of them are, and in most cases to meet the probable requirements of specific users, they have been conceived mainly to illustrate the principle underlying Sir William's general recommendations for the lay-out and treatment. This is that Wren's architecture is better served by a contrasting, irregular setting, like a traditional cathedral close, than by an attempt to create a monumental one on regular lines to serve mainly commercial requirements.

In the earlier stages much time was spent on experimenting with combining a formal and irregular scheme. It was felt in certain quarters that at least the forecourt should be on monumental lines based on Wren's proposed piazza, and a model was made to indicate the possibilities (Fig. 4). Since the existing oblique approach is to be retained, it meant that the entrance through the continuous crescent of uniform buildings must be eccentric; that the buildings, four storeys high, would constitute a screen blocking out all view of the lower half of the Cathedral from outside except through the narrow entry; and it would necessitate destroying the Deanery. As other buildings on the site of the south segment still have many years' lease to run, this regular scheme could not meanwhile be completely realised, and there is no absolute assurance that the kind of premises it provided would by then be wanted by tenants. Most daunting of all these doubts was the effect of such massive and regular blocks on Wren's scale of proportions. When one examines St. Paul's in that light, one realises that, grand as it is, the scale of Wren's Order is relatively small. To enclose the Cathedral in continuous, regularly notated, buildings of uniform height would risk diminishing fatally its relative scale, and this tight frame itself might not consort happily with the ordinary architecture outside.

In visualising a setting that, while providing buildings of the height and bulk required today, would get round these objections Sir



2.—FROM THE NORTH-EAST. In the foreground are the round-about and spur road linking Newgate-street and Cannon-street. On the right a wide pedestrian court, over a subterranean car-park, leads to the forecourt. Another car-park is below the court seen top left. Beside it is a pedestrian alley aligned on the south transept of the Cathedral

William Holford has had recourse to the empirical methods of landscape architecture—an essentially English art which has, in fact, created the settings of all the great Classical buildings in this country, and, whether consciously or unconsciously, shaped the typical cathedral close where buildings of varied shape and character combine with lawns and trees to make the perfect visual setting to monumental architecture.

The new plan retains the main recommendations on lay-out of the official plan (*Reconstruction of the City of London—Final Report*, 1947). East-west traffic is excluded from the enlarged Churchyard, being carried west and south of the Deanery along the line of Carter-lane. The big round-about at St. Martin's-le-Grand is retained, with a main traffic link east of the precincts to Cannon-street. The whole area north of the Cathedral is closed to through traffic. Newgate-street forms the northern boundary of the planned area, while the southern is Queen Victoria-street.

Approaches: The oblique approach up Ludgate Hill, so characteristic of London scenery, gives a wide view of the west front across the forecourt. On the south the Deanery is opened up, with a proposed new building of modest height adjoining it. On the north side a large irregular block rises to considerable height, but is of light construction. From the north, the forecourt can be approached down a broad flight of steps from a pedestrian court leading from Newgate-street. The south-eastern approach from Cannon-street is unchanged, and so is that from the north-east, where the existing "park" with its trees round St. Paul's Cross is preserved.

Vistas: A new approach from the south, advocated in previous plans, is provided by a pedestrian alley reached by steps from Queen Victoria-street next to the College of Heralds. The alley, for which the old name Doohittle-lane has been suggested, is shown in the model as used by second-hand booksellers' booths.

One of the grandest views of St. Paul's is that of the south-west tower as seen from the direction of Cannon-street, contrasting with the cliff of building immediately south of it. So important does Sir William consider this contrast that he proposes that a building of sheer but moderate height should be retained at the same point, i.e. within the new Churchyard area. This would also serve to stop and contrast with the great south-east lawn, and to close the south-east angle of the forecourt as seen from the western approach.

Two entirely new views will be opened up that from the south-west past the Deanery and its garden, which has never been seen before; and that from the north-west from the proposed pedestrian court. Beside the latter a skyscraper is seen prominently in the model; yet, set back as it is from all the main streets, it will not conflict with any view of the Cathedral, while in the outward views it would provide a valuable vertical accent among the relatively low adjoining buildings (besides providing desirable accommodation).

3.—LOOKING DOWN INTO THE FORECOURT FROM OVER THE DEANERY AND BANDSTAND. **The light, modular construction of the buildings is designed to enhance by contrast St. Paul's majestic yet delicate scale**

Open Spaces: The whole expanse south of the Cathedral is laid down in continuous lawn with possibly a large fountain basin of which the single white jet would be seen against the dark mass of the cathedral.

On the west, the forecourt is a rectangle giving glimpses and passage to other spaces. On its south and west, between the Deanery and the cliff building, is proposed a covered stand, for use by the band that now plays on the steps in summer, or by spectators (it could hold 4,000) on ceremonial occasions.

A proposal that will appeal to many is that Temple Bar should be re-erected between the north-west tower and the Chapter House, separating the forecourt from a stone yard available to the Cathedral masons and for displaying appropriate architectural fragments. The large pedestrian court northwards might also be used for periodic exhibitions requiring light temporary buildings.

Car Parks: The provision of two double-deck subterranean garages is one of the plan's most notable features. Both are beneath proposed open spaces—one under the north court just referred to. The other is approached from Queen Victoria-street, entered under the steps to "Doohittle-lane," and has above it the open space partly enclosed by a commercial building seen south-east of the Cathedral.

Existing Buildings: The Deanery and Chapter House are preserved and related to new buildings. The tower of St. Augustin, Watling-street, is actually joined to the new Choir School building, which comes within the precincts and would mask the lower part of the new Bank of England building. The premises of Messrs. Cook and Messrs. Pawson and Leaf south of the Churchyard have disappeared, but those south of Carter-lane, including Faraday House, remain (as they must) and by virtue of the irregular character of the plan they merge not unsatisfactorily into the general scheme and setting.

Uses: To a great extent the uses, and so the character, of the buildings to be erected must depend on whether commerce is attracted to the area, much of which has been tending to deteriorate. One of the merits of Sir William's plan is its elasticity. In its present form it assumes large and varied demand: the high building north-west of the forecourt is conceived as offices and shops with a restaurant occupying the two top storeys (and commanding wonderful views); the Church Commissioners are interested in the skyscraper; and residential houses for clergy are provided in the northern area behind the Chapter House, besides small business premises. In the south-east area important users are already assured. Elsewhere, as leases fall in over a long period, the character of the buildings erected can be altered to suit the demand, in a way not possible with a regular scheme of uniform buildings. But a reasonably probable, if not an assured, use can be adduced for all the buildings shown, with one notable exception.

This is the elegant little building backing on to the Deanery garden at the entrance to the forecourt. It is of great importance to the general plan and on a wonderful site: what Sir William suggests is like a miniature Doge's Palace with an arcade below and a gallery above suitable for art and other exhibitions or meetings. There is a large mid-day floating population in the City for whom no provision of this kind is made. Public or private enterprise may well be attracted by this proposal.

The architectural treatment proposed in the model is unselfconsciously contemporary, and so enables the forms and dimensions of the buildings to develop organically out of the needs and opportunities of the plan. Imaginary as are the forms in which they are depicted, nevertheless their treatment demonstrates the essential principle of the whole plan. The buildings in every case are shown as of light, airy construction, so that the dramatic masses of the Cathedral are not diminished but set off, magnified. Varied as are their shapes, moreover, there is implicit throughout them the regular scale of proportion imparted by modular construction: that restatement of the Classical principle inherent in the use of parts made to standardised dimensions.

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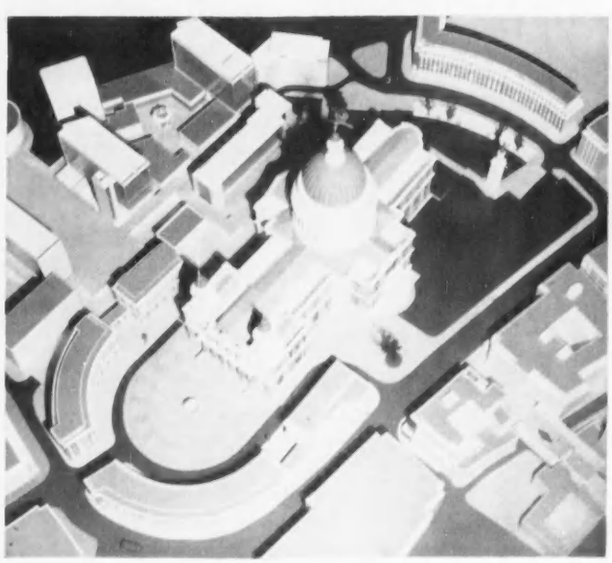


4.—MODEL OF AN EARLIER EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN FOR ENCLOSING THE FORECOURT WITH A CONTINUOUS CRESCENT OF UNIFORM HEIGHT

THE AULD ENEMY AT MURRAYFIELD

By O. L. OWEN

IT was good to see—and hear—a crowd of nearly 70,000, men, women, boys and girls assembled at Murrayfield last week-end for the oldest of all the Rugby international matches. It was all the more pleasant because a great Soccer match between the Hearts and Rangers was being played barely a mile away and Scottish Rugger in these days needs all the patriotic encouragement it can obtain.

Alas for Scottish hopes, and in spite of the heroic efforts of their forwards, this 71st match against the auld enemy from south of the border ended not only in defeat but a defeat which could have been avoided. In the end, the essential difference between two determined teams lay in place-kicking. There was, too, a certain cruel irony in the fact that the man who landed eight of England's eleven points, J. D. Currie, the Oxford forward, was equally qualified to play for Scotland—as, indeed, his name suggests.

Much more than the Calcutta Cup, which England have held since 1950, was at stake on this occasion. First and foremost, perhaps, was the chance which still remained for Scotland to win a match which would carry their Rugby revival a stage further and simultaneously spare them the rather ill-deserved ignominy of the Wooden Spoon. Last season, one recalled, they had finished a good second behind the joint champions, Wales and France. They had even reached Twickenham as the only Home country still able to win the Triple Crown, and they failed by the comparatively small margin between a penalty goal and two tries and a penalty goal and one try. Admittedly, they were then not quite good enough either fore or aft. This season, while still lacking in skill behind the scrummage, they had produced a pack of forwards who as a well-led fighting force were about second to none. They had routed France in the mud, found only the Welsh half-backs, supported by their wingers, too much for them at Cardiff, and in Dublin failed only by very little after an injury to their captain, Angus Cameron, had reduced them to fourteen men for most of the time.

England's reputation on this occasion stood fairly high, but still remained a little open to question. The pack, with its five new caps, three of them University men, had more than held Wales and outplayed Ireland. The backs, as drastically altered in midfield, after a bad failure against Wales, had shown something more like championship form at the second attempt, but, they, too, were on trial to some extent at Murrayfield. Scotland were completing their programme for good or ill, but England still had ahead of them their postponed fixture with France, in Paris—in mid-April.

The championship competition as a whole, in fact, was in a remarkably interesting position. There was even a chance that, for the first time, it might end in a quintuple tie—if that be the way to describe such a unique result. For that to come about, England had to lose against Scotland but defeat France, who, for their part, had to win at Cardiff, which was something they never had achieved before. The head-scratchings of the statisticians ended for the moment when England outpointed the Scots by eleven to six, but will be resumed so far as England, Wales and France are concerned very shortly.

I do not know whether anyone had noted beforehand that this was to be the 13th Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield since that great grey home of Scottish Rugby was opened in 1924-25.

J. BUTTERFIELD (ENGLAND), HAVING EVADED A TACKLE BY H. F. McLEOD, FINDS HIS PATH BARRED BY J. W. Y. KEMP IN THE INTERNATIONAL RUGBY FOOTBALL MATCH WITH SCOTLAND AT MURRAYFIELD

Scotland, then, alone of the Home Unions—winners moreover of the Triple Crown—did not meet the unbeaten Second All Blacks. That was a dreadful pity for more than one obvious reason, and it is only by exercising the utmost restraint and caution that one refrains from suggesting what would have been the result if the Scotland of the "Oxford three-quarter line," served by two half-backs like Herbert Waddell and J. B. Nelson, had encountered the New Zealanders of Nepia, Mark Nicholls and the Brownlies.

Certainly no such back division faced England on this occasion, but the forwards, under the inspiring leadership and example of J. T. Greenwood, revealed a fighting spirit which one of the best packs England have fielded for some years did well to equal. In the first half, during which all the scoring occurred, England were as much the more polished side in front as they were behind the scrummage. Admittedly, the Scots were gaining in enterprise as well as vigour just before the interval. Afterwards, the English pack had to rest content with holding their own in a grim struggle which hardly relaxed for a moment. Had they failed to do so, it seems certain that the defence behind them must have cracked.

As it was, the excitement grew, and the Murrayfield roar with it, in spite of the Scottish place-kickers' repeated failures to take advantage of penalty decisions. There was also one hair-raising "near thing" when A. R. Smith, a specialist in the follow-up, apparently had the goal-line at his mercy, only for a perfectly placed punt ahead to bounce the wrong way for his side and very much the right way for a hard-pressed England.

England had opened the scoring fairly early on through a well-kicked penalty goal by Currie. They followed this up by scoring a try on the blind side of a scrummage formed soon after a breakaway by P. G. D. Robbins, Oxford's second representative in the pack. J. E. Williams was the scorer of the only try by England, a fact which would seem to neutralise the customary criticism that the Old Millhillian is much better at seizing such chances than in serving his stand-off partner. Late in the match, when England still badly needed another score to put them safe, Williams, who had been having a rough time behind his hard-pressed forwards, managed at last to break away in his own half of the field. He was on the point of getting clear when Greenwood got him. Here, the experiences of the recent tour in South Africa undoubtedly told, for perhaps only a foward like Greenwood would have known how to forestall Williams in the way he did. Greenwood, incidentally, is one of the few British players to repeat his South African form at home in the present season. One of the reasons for that may well be the fact that, unlike the five famous Welshmen concerned, he has played in comparatively few matches.

A. R. Smith, by contrast, was almost tragically unable to do himself justice as a place-kicker. Three times inside the opening quarter of an hour of the second half, when the Scottish forwards were going great guns and pinning England down well inside their own half, Smith failed to land penalty points from easy ranges and once in front of the posts. In South Africa, after suffering a broken hand, at the very start, Smith, with admirable zest, set out to practise place-kicking and to some extent succeeded, especially at the longer ranges. Now the occasion seemed too much for him and Scotland's best chance of winning went with his three successive failures.

To be sure, in the first half, Smith had replied to Currie's three successful kicks at goal—a conversion and two penalties—with a penalty goal for Scotland. The other Scottish place-kicker, T. S. McClung, failed badly—once, in trying to convert his side's only try and, later, in the second half, soon after Smith's three misses, with a penalty shot from the "25" line but a very wide angle.

McClung was more successful as the new Scottish stand-off half, both in attack and defence. Though not really fast and elusive, he none the less slipped Regan several times and, furthermore, made the break and threw the inside pass which helped G. D. Stevenson, the Hawick centre, to score a try in his first international match. Stevenson was playing as a substitute centre for K. D. Macdonald. One should add perhaps—for so much often depends upon these quickly forgotten incidents—that one of two outstandingly fine tackles by Ashcroft, the Waterloo forward, foiled the best of McClung's runs.

There also was one enforced change in the English three-quarter line, but, although the redoubtable Woodward made his presence felt as usual, he was never really dangerous. As the match went, it seems likely that P. B. Jackson, the Coventry wing, would have been better able to join in the periodic breakaways by Butterfield, Regan and Cannell. Butterfield was the outstanding English attacker, but someone always got him by the leg from behind as he was about to find the open. In the forward play during the first half, nothing was more effective than the line-out work of Currie and the Harlequin Cambridge Blue, R. W. D. Marques. The way in which both packs stuck to it and each other throughout the second half robbed the match of much of its movement but not excitement. The better team won, but they needed a lot of luck to do so.

OXFORD'S GOOD WIN

A Golf Commentary by BERNARD DARWIN

WELL played Oxford! After five barren years they won the University golf match and won it decisively by ten points to five. It was a delightful match on a delightful course and Formby hospitality and kindness were, as ever, unbounded. The prophets had all declared for Oxford, but there was one brief moment when I hoped we might all be wrong. Cambridge most gallantly won the foursomes by that odd point that can be so priceless. I still prophesied, and that before credible witnesses, that Oxford would win the singles by six to four, but I hoped I was wrong. In fact I was not right enough, for they won eight out of ten singles, many of them by large margins.

Much as I love foursomes it is the singles that are the stricter and sterner test of merit and here was yet another proof of it. On the whole the golf was good, some of it very good. Beyond question nearly all the players swung the club as if well drilled in orthodox methods. There is far less variety and much more correctness of style than there used to be in the consulship of Plancus, though there were some uncommonly fine golfers in that remote epoch. The standard was particularly high, considering the really brutal cold of the first two days. The third day, with the larks singing, was, despite a chill breeze, by comparison a sunny foretaste of heaven.

The dinner match, from which Cambridge could draw consolation, was much more interesting than usual to those whose pockets were not vitally affected. I had not meant to see it until I read Mr. Leonard Crawley's ecstatic eulogy on Dexter, Cambridge's first reserve. "See Dexter and die," I exclaimed, or words to that effect, and he really is a very good player indeed, of immense possibilities. I know the Cambridge captain had seen him tested in only a single match (he played football last term) and so his decision was a hard one, but I really do think he ought to have put him in. He has a fine swing, rapid but well under control, and full of power. I saw him hit only one crooked drive and all the rest of his game is on a high level. It was much to the credit of Warne and Nalder that they took him and his partner Davies to the last hole in the foursomes. In the singles he murdered poor Warne with a score of, I think, one under fours for twelve holes. He is an exceptional player, one young swan who has no touch of the goose about him.

The top foursome, Shepperson and Foster, of Oxford, against Marsh and O'Brien, was a splendid one, to my mind *the* match of the meeting if only because it was between the two best players on either side. And apropos, I venture an old-fashioned opinion that it is far better for the captains to put their teams as far as humanly possible in order of merit and not try to be too clever. On both sides there seemed to have been some guess-work, not always successful, as to how the enemy would arrange his team. It served no useful purpose that I know of, deprived us of a great fight that we all wanted to see—Marsh v. Shepperson—and lost on the swings what, if anything, it gained on the roundabouts. Incidentally, and I am not thinking of any particular captain, too much attention is paid to the alleged tradition that the captains should necessarily play top. It has not always been observed and there is really no reason for it. I am, I admit, a fundamentalist in this matter and I hope that this wasted ingenuity will be seen no more.

In this particular foursome there was really nothing in it all day long. In the morning O'Brien perhaps made most mistakes, but he holed at least one fine putt at a crucial moment that was worth much fine gold. Foster was bothered and "jittery" over his putting in the afternoon, and, despite his fine long game, that perhaps turned the scale. Marsh and Shepperson were both excellent as far as I saw them and Cambridge just deserved to win by 2 and 1. The second Cambridge pair, Grindrod and Muscutt, did nobly and holed some wonderfully telling putts. They were four up at lunch on Marr and Proctor and lost three of the first four holes after it. My heart sank but I had too little faith: Muscutt holed two putts and Grindrod one and they sailed home by 4 and 3. Impey, very sound, and Lawrence, with his fine slow swing, were always winning the third match and the other two went one to each side. The two Cambridge freshmen Chapman and Churchill slaughtered Douglas and Newton and by the glorious irony of fate it was Douglas and Newton who, as much as anybody else, next day laid the foundation of an Oxford victory in the singles.

D. M. MARSH, THE CAMBRIDGE CAPTAIN, PLAYING AN IRON SHOT IN HIS MATCH WITH H. E. IMPEY, THE OXFORD CAPTAIN, WHOM HE BEAT BY 8 AND 7 IN THE UNIVERSITY GOLF MATCH AT FORMBY

One is always vain about a good little bit of prophecy, however obvious, and I must tell my story of Douglas in the singles. I was behind the fourth green as he came up with Muscutt, who had conquered him last year. He was one down and entirely foozled his second, whereupon Muscutt, with two up waiting for him, pitched mildly into a bunker and took six to the hole and lost it. "These things," I remarked portentously to a companion, "count two on a division. That may settle the match." From that moment Douglas was a new man, played very well indeed, was four up at lunch and never weakened.

The sad part of the singles was that Marsh and Shepperson, both playing admirably, wasted some of their sweetness. Impey hung on to Marsh courageously enough, but his rival was too strong for him and really did play lovely powerful golf. I think he was round in about 74 in a stiff breeze and being six up at lunch won with complete comfort by 8 and 7. He used, so his friends say, to find it hard to concentrate on the game for long enough, finding the world too full of other interesting and wonderful things. He has now got down to business, altered his grip a little, as I am told, by the advice of Professor Bill Cox and is truly formidable. Shepperson, the more elegant but less sturdy of the two golfers, coasted along against poor Pilling, who, I thought, was put a little too high in the order. He strove manfully, but whenever I saw Shepperson's approaches they were ranging round the hole and he was obviously much too good.

The best match of the day was the second, between O'Brien, of Cambridge, and Foster, of Oxford. I doubt if either was ever more than one up, unless Foster was for a brief moment, and, with reasonable exceptions, the play was excellent. In the morning Foster, still worried to death over his putting and taking an unconscionable number of practice swings with his putter, was, it must be owned, very slow, but I daresay he was right to stick to his guns and his own pace. In the afternoon he was much faster and assuredly his putting did not suffer. The pair were all square, locked in a deadly embrace, coming to the 35th hole. O'Brien in the odd holed from four or five yards and that looked like victory for Cambridge, but Foster holed from much the same distance in a gallant like. At the 18th O'Brien was badly bunkered and Foster won, pulling up. Grindrod, who had a capital match, was two down with two to play in the morning against Lawrence but came with a fine rush of two fours and lunched all square. That is a comforting sensation to the inside and he soon went away afterwards. Lawrence made one good spurt, but could not quite hold on. The other Oxford victors must remain rather shabbily unsung, but Marr, Proctor, Sharp and Peel all quitted themselves like men and I thought Proctor looked particularly good: he made his iron shots bite the green with professional venom. And with that once more my congratulations to Hugh Impey and the men of Oxford on breaking the spell. I never could grudge a victory less.

A. E. SHEPPERSON (OXFORD) IN PLAY AGAINST D. F. M. PILLING (CAMBRIDGE), WHOM HE DEFEATED BY 8 AND 7

MACHINES IN THE GARDEN

By A. G. L. HELLYER

THERE is no doubt that mechanisation of the garden will continue to increase—the cost and scarcity of labour will ensure that—but it is equally certain that many gardeners still view machines with distrust. They remain firmly convinced that no mechanical tool can do work so well as it could be done by hand, and that, in any case, most power-driven tools are messy, noisy and unreliable.

As regards the first criticism they are certainly wrong. There are a number of garden jobs which can actually be done better by machine than in any other way: lawn mowing is an obvious example, but I would also place hedge trimming and the preparation of seed and planting beds among them. But I do think there is something in the other complaints, at least so far as small petrol-engined tools are concerned, and no doubt the cheapness and consequent popularity of the two-stroke engine has much to do with it. If four-stroke engines were used instead, many of these difficulties would disappear. In particular, far too many two-stroke engines are temperamental in starting. That is a difficulty which motor manufacturers faced and overcame many years ago. If the manufacturers of small engines for garden tools could give the same attention to this important point, the demand for their products would almost certainly increase.

In all these respects the electric motor is at a considerable advantage. There are no starting troubles, noise is reduced to a minimum and there is usually little or no maintenance. Unfortunately, though it is possible to produce electrically-driven soil cultivators, this has not proved very satisfactory except in the case of extremely light hand-tools that are meant to tackle only quite small jobs. All the heavier cultivations of the garden must be done with petrol-driven implements.

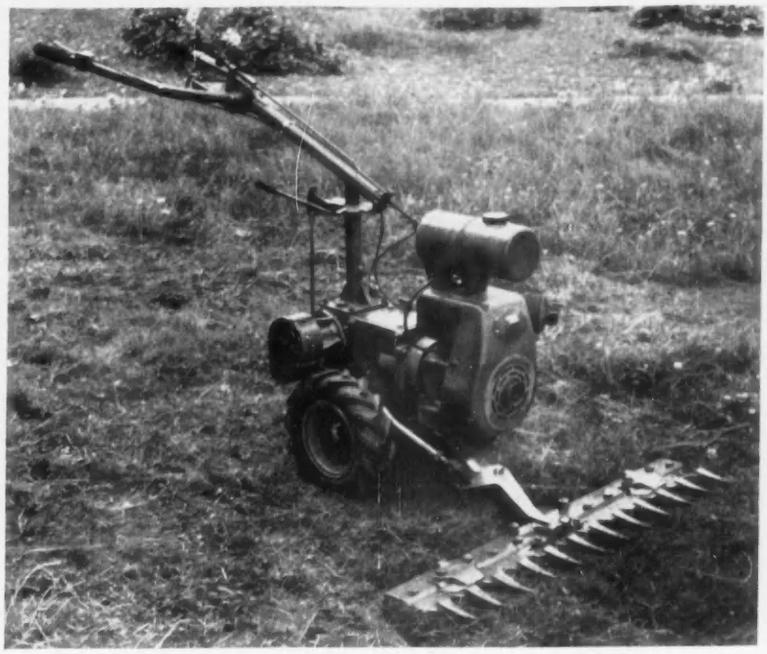
The number of makes of cultivators is now quite bewildering, and many manufacturers have shown great ingenuity in producing multi-purpose machines. Often these do their various tasks with considerable efficiency, yet I think it is a fair general criticism to say that no multi-purpose machine will give quite such good results on each of its jobs as would a machine designed specifically for that purpose and that alone. It would, no doubt, be unreasonable to expect otherwise, but the consequence is that, when considering the mechanisation of the garden, one should weigh very carefully the rival advantages of economising in first cost and putting up with occasional clumsiness in operation, or spending more money at the outset by buying several tools each designed for no more than one or two operations.

Personally, I have no doubt that the latter course will give the greater satisfaction in the long run, especially if such diverse work as lawn mowing, deep and shallow cultivation, hoeing, spraying, carting and hedge trimming are to be done. Actually, most small cultivators can also be adapted quite easily and satisfactorily to drive an electric generator, which will, in turn, supply current for hedge trimmers, electric saws and other small tools, and this is certainly one way in which money can be saved without loss of efficiency.

For deep cultivation—that is, up to 10 inches—the rotary cultivator has obvious advantages over the traditional plough. It is the only machine which helps to propel itself forward by the very act of breaking up the soil. There is, in fact, one rotary cultivator which dispenses with power-driven wheels altogether, depending entirely on its rotating blades for

A ROUGH GRASS CUTTER WITH RECIPROCATING BLADE FITTED AS AN ACCESSORY TO A MACHINE PRIMARILY DESIGNED FOR ROTARY CULTIVATION

ONE OF THE SMALLEST ROTARY CULTIVATORS MADE. It is capable of breaking up soil several inches deep ready for seed sowing or planting. (*Right*) A ROTARY CULTIVATOR BEING USED FOR SURFACE HOEING BETWEEN GROWING CROPS



A CLOSE-UP OF THE RECIPROCATING-BLADE GRASS CUTTER FITTED TO A MULTI-PURPOSE MACHINE. (*Right*) THE LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAIN SAW. It is driven by a powerful electric motor which in this instance is getting its power from a portable generator

propulsion. Because of this peculiarity the rotary cultivator rarely comes to a halt through wheel spin. As a rule the only thing that will stop it is work so heavy that the engine stalls. This can easily happen if a small cultivator is set to break up hard or heavy soil in one operation, but that is not the right way to handle this kind of tool.

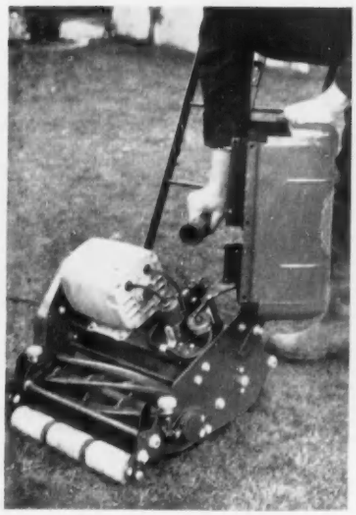
First it should be used to break through the top crust to a depth of no more than two or three inches. Then, after waiting a day or so (or even a few hours in good weather) for the surface soil to dry a little, it should be used again to bite as deeply as it will go without overloading the engine. It is a considerable advantage if the work can be completed in two operations as there is a tendency, if soil is rotary tilled time and again, for it to become too beaten up. It is also important to work when soil conditions are favourable, which broadly means when the soil is neither very dry nor very wet. But really much the same could be said of hand cultivation, and at least the motor cultivator does enable one to complete in an hour or so, when conditions are just right, work which might otherwise be spread over several weeks. The rotary cultivator can also be used effectively for ordinary surface hoeing in the summer, but care must be taken to see that it does not bite in too deeply. Most of these hoes are fitted with a shoe to control depth, but this will tend to sink into soft soil in a manner that can be deceptive.

Lawn-mowing has been done mechanically for many years and no one needs to be convinced of the wisdom of this. But many questions remain to be answered, notably regarding the rival merits of electricity and petrol to provide power, and of the cylinder, rotary or reciprocating systems of cutting. Many gardeners view the electrically-powered lawn-mower with distrust because they think the cable must be a nuisance. I can only reply that, having tried these machines, I do not find this to be so. After the first round or two it becomes automatic to turn the machine away from the cable and so keep it always on the grass that has been cut. There is no more difficulty about it than in handling an electric vacuum cleaner or polisher in the house—rather less, in fact, as there is no furniture in the way.

Certainly the electric mower scores in other respects, notably in silence, cleanliness and freedom from trouble. I believe that, as its virtues become better known, it will become the favourite type for the smaller garden where all the grass to be cut is within easy reach of the house and a power point. But for large gardens the petrol-driven mower, with its ability to go anywhere, must remain first favourite. Of course, it is always possible to take permanent power points out into the garden, but this adds considerably to the initial cost, as special underground cable must be laid and weatherproof power points installed.

For really high-class mowing there is nothing to beat the old-fashioned cylinder machine with roller behind. This will give the closest of cuts and that ribboned look which is the delight of every greenkeeper. Moreover a roller machine can be used to cut right up to and even a little over the edge of the lawn, leaving nothing to be finished except those few blades of grass that push out horizontally. The drawback of the roller mower is that it is not satisfactory for cutting grass that has got a little out of hand. Go away for a week or so in summer and you will return to find that the roller mower will not tackle the task of restoring the lawn to order. For this a side wheel or a rotary type of cutter will be required.

Finally, there is the grass scythe with reciprocating blade similar to that used in hay cutters and reapers. This is the best of all machines for really rough cutting. It will tackle anything from long grass to brambles, but it is incapable of cutting much closer than two inches, so that



AN ELECTRIC LAWN-MOWER WITH ITS COVER REMOVED TO SHOW THE MOTOR AND THE SOCKET FOR THE CABLE. (*Middle*) A SIDE-WHEEL MOWER POWERED BY A PETROL ENGINE. This type is cheap to manufacture and will cut quite rough grass. (*Right*) A ROTARY GRASS CUTTER. This will cut very close or will tackle fairly long grass

it can never be used as a lawn-mower in the English sense of that word. Its true purpose is to trim verges, cut the grass in orchards or above naturalised bulbs and do similar rough work.

Hedge trimmers can be broadly divided into two main groups—those with a reciprocating blade, in principle much the same as the reciprocating grass cutter, and those with a rotary blade. Both have their advocates, but my personal preference is for the reciprocating type, as I think it gives a cleaner cut and is pleasanter to use. Most hedge trimmers are electrically driven, though hydraulic machines have been produced, and also direct-drive machines with a flexible cable within a tube, similar to that used to drive speedometers on motor-cycles and cars.

Electric hedge trimmers can be powered direct from the main or by a portable generator. In either case I think it is undesirable to use high voltages. The usual domestic voltage of 230-240 can easily prove fatal, especially if a shock is taken while one is standing on wet ground. Some firms offer transformers to reduce the voltage, usually to 110 volts, and these are so wound that only half the voltage is taken between cable and earth. This is an arrangement that should be perfectly safe. Portable generators are usually made to deliver about 110 volts but in any case if such a generator is not earthed a shock is unlikely to be taken between machine (or cable) and earth. This is the most likely way in which a shock would be taken if a fault or accident occurred. I stress these points not to alarm readers or to give the impression that hedge trimmers are dangerous tools to handle. Actually accidents are extremely rare and are nearly always due to carelessness. But there is a tendency to forget or to minimise the damage that can be caused by mains voltage electricity. In all these matters it is best to be advised by a competant electrician.

AN ELECTRIC HEDGE TRIMMER OF THE RECIPROCATING BLADE TYPE IN USE. IT GIVES A RAPID AND VERY EVEN CUT

A tool that is only just making its appearance, so far as the amateur is concerned, is the lightweight chain saw. This, like the hedge trimmer, is driven by a small but powerful electric motor which forms an integral part of the unit. The chain saw itself is identical in design with those used on the much larger petrol-engined models which have for long been used by woodmen and in timber yards. The difference is simply in weight and manoeuvrability, and I can testify from experience that these are extremely handy tools to manipulate. No special skill or instruction is required and the speed with which quite thick trunks, let alone ordinary branches, can be cut is simply amazing.

Obviously the electric saw is not a tool which will make the same wide appeal to amateurs as the electric hedge trimmer. One needs a fairly large garden, orchard or wood to justify its cost. But it is a tool which should appeal to the garden contractor, and there seem to be more and more small firms who either undertake mechanical work in the garden or hire out machines to gardeners who prefer to do the work themselves. This may be the solution to a great many of our present labour problems in the garden, but it is well to remember that, if a garden is to be mechanised, some alterations in planning and cropping are usually required. Plots should be of simple rectangular shape, and there should be ample room all round for turning machines. Rows should run the long way rather than the short way across these plots and paths should be of good width and well surfaced to allow easy and safe access. Similarly lawns are best kept free of beds—certainly of beds fussily designed—and very narrow grass verges should be avoided. If fruit trees are to be power-sprayed they should be fairly widely spaced and should be pruned to give an open and easily accessible tree.

By taking a little thought in these ways and by making use of the best machines now available, it will be found possible to maintain gardens, and maintain them well, with a quarter or less of the human labour previously employed.

GROWING LAWNS FROM SEED

By W. N. LAWFIELD

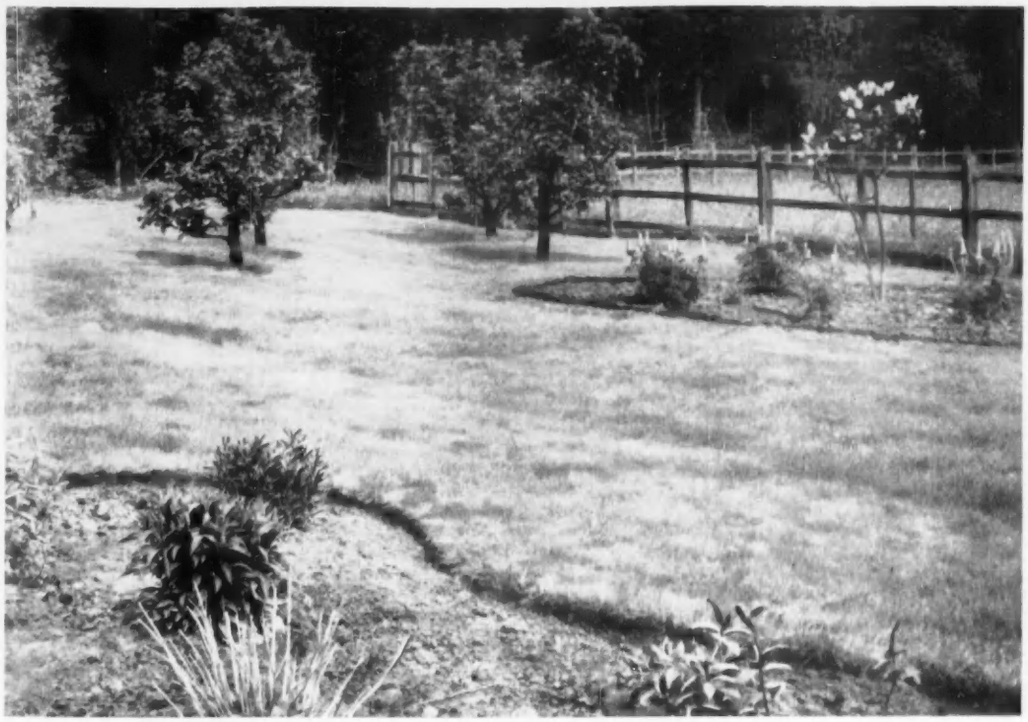
SPRING is the ideal time for lawn-making, either from turf or seed, the extra cost of the former being offset by the fact that the lawn is ready for use almost at once. On the other hand it is seldom possible to choose turf containing the best lawn grasses, so one has to be content with what is supplied. With seed it is possible to obtain different mixtures to suit different soils and situations and to take into account the purpose for which the lawn is required. There is no doubt that this is an immense advantage and for that reason this article is confined to lawn-making from seed.

If the ground has not already been dug, this should be done immediately, one spit deep, some old manure being worked in at the same time. If the area is large then, of course, it can be ploughed or worked with a rotary cultivator. I am assuming that the question of drainage has already been considered and that drains have been laid if necessary.

Choose a dry day and a time when the soil is working easily to break the surface down with a fork. A harrow can be used instead of a fork or a rotary cultivator set high. It is most important that the soil be dry or it will not crumble easily, but stick to the tools and feet.

A common failure with newly-sown lawns is lack of firmness of the soil, and it is immediately after breaking down that the firming should be done. Again choose a time when the soil is dry; tread the surface firmly and evenly, heel to toe, all over, or roll it with a light roller.

A FINE STRETCH OF WELL-TENDED LAWN. The gardener who prefers seed to turf when making his lawn has a wide variety of grasses from which to choose



A LAWN, SOWN FROM SEED, READY FOR CUTTING. The first cut is best done with a side-wheel mower when a lawn shows about three inches of growth

When possible it is better to tread than to roll, and on no account should a heavy roller be used. After firming go over the surface with an iron rake in order to fine the soil down to a good seed-bed. The wise gardener will rake the soil at least twice in each direction. Large stones should be removed, and any remaining weeds pulled out. If more firming is needed it should be done now.

When the final raking is being done work in a lawn fertiliser at the rate of two ounces per square yard. Again a harrow can be used for large areas. A good proprietary mixture can be used, or the following mixture prepared: two parts superphosphate, one part sulphate of ammonia and half a part of sulphate of potash, applied at the same rate.

Rate of sowing varies according to the soil and the purpose for which the lawn is required. For many years two ounces per square yard was regarded as standard, but with modern seed mixtures having a high percentage of purity and germination, half this rate may be sufficient on good soil. A calm day is best for sowing when the surface soil is reasonably dry. Measure the seed into a small bucket or other suitable container. It is best to sow the seed in two directions, half of it across and half down the area. It is helpful in obtaining even sowing if the ground is divided into strips a yard wide. For this purpose lengths of cord or twine can be used; sufficient seed is then measured into the bucket to complete the strip, or a known distance. For large areas a fiddle drill or hand-operated fertiliser spreader could be used. When the lawn is very small it can be marked out in yard squares and the seed measured out in small amounts sufficient for each square. It will be impossible to cover all the seed, and it is not advisable to try. If each square is raked lightly after sowing most of the seed will be covered and that is all that is needed.

A light sprinkling of sharp sand may be given if the soil is heavy. If any attempt is made to cover the seed with additional soil the chances are that patchy germination will result owing to some of the seed being covered too deeply. A light rolling after the seed has been covered is all that is needed to finish the work.

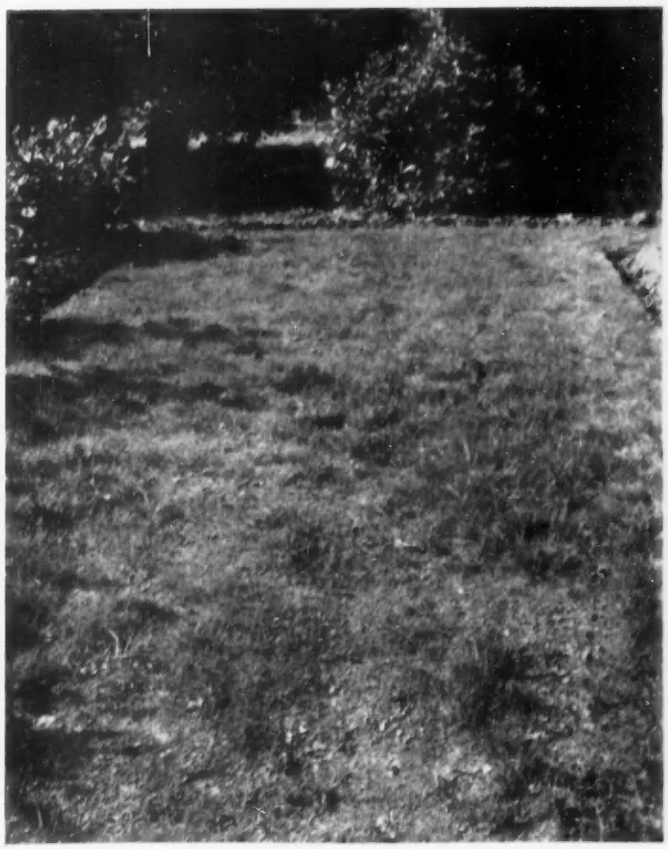
The time taken for germination of the seed will depend on the weather, and on the kind of grass sown, but ten days is roughly the average time, except for the fescues which usually take three or four weeks. It is almost certain that some weeds will make an appearance, but most will be annuals, and provided they do not seed, which regular mowing will prevent, no great harm will be done as they will die out in a few months. The first cut can be given when the lawn shows about three inches of growth. The blades of the mower must be really sharp, and the cutting cylinder set high. If the blades are not sharp there is the danger of the grass being pulled out by the roots. A side-wheel mower is preferable for this first cut as a roller mower tends to flatten the soft young grass and so prevent it from being properly cut.

It has already been pointed out that one of the advantages of choosing seed for making a lawn is that various mixtures can be made to suit particular requirements. It is of very great importance that the seed be obtained from a reliable source, either as a ready-made mixture or as separate grasses to be mixed at home. Avoid like the plague cheap mixtures, as these usually contain a high percentage of coarse grasses which are unsuitable for a lawn, as well as chaff and dirt; germination will also be poor, resulting in a good deal of patching later. The ideal method, except perhaps for the smallest lawns, is to buy the individual grasses. For a general purpose lawn a mixture of Chewing's Fescue 70 per cent. and New Zealand Browntop 30 per cent. is suitable. Such a mixture can be sown at 1½ oz. per square yard. If the lawn is to be subjected to a great deal of wear the seed mixture should contain some rye grass, a good mixture being as follows: Chewing's Fescue 50 per cent., perennial rye grass 30 per cent., New Zealand Browntop 5 per cent. and Crested Dog's Tail 15 per cent. Rye grass is somewhat coarse-growing, and where a really fine sward is needed it should be left out. A lawn of fine quality for purely ornamental purposes can be made by sowing New Zealand Browntop alone or mixed with a small quantity of Chewing's Fescue. If the Browntop is used alone sowing can be at the rate of one ounce per square yard. Any good seed firm would be able to supply all the grasses named as well as many other kinds.

Where the soil is inclined to be heavy the mixture should include a little Rough-stalked Meadow grass. The following mixture would be suitable: Crested Dog's Tail 35 per cent., Chewing's Fescue 35 per cent., Rough-stalked Meadow grass 25 per cent. and New Zealand Browntop 5 per cent. This would give a good average lawn that would stand up to a reasonable amount of wear.

On poor soils it is wise to sow rather generously—that is, near the two-ounce margin—and the same applies to areas near woods and copses where birds may be unduly troublesome. It is certain that in any garden, birds, particularly sparrows, will account for some of the seed, and, therefore, it may be as well to point out that there are proprietary powders on the market that can be mixed with the seed before sowing. For small gardens, of course, there are various metal bird scarers that can be suspended on sticks over the area after seeding, and the use of black thread might prove satisfactory.

If the area to be sown is large or presents any difficulty it would be advisable to call in expert advice before the work is started. With a lawn, perhaps, more than any other part of the garden, thorough preparation at the outset is essential.



PATCHY GERMINATION OF GRASS, DUE TO AREAS OF POOR SOIL. This is the result of insufficient preparation of the ground

RACING NOTES

A ROYAL VICTORY IN THE GRAND NATIONAL?

By DARE WIGAN

WITHIN almost a matter of hours after the appearance of these notes, sellers of newspapers will be calling the result of the Grand National, and thousands of people in different parts of the country will know the outcome of what, for many of them, is one of two annual flutters, the other being on the Derby. Newspaper sellers, with substantial bundles of their ware stacked neatly beside them, no doubt smile inwardly from time to time when they reflect on the unsuccessful attempts of racing correspondents to pick winners. But if they are of a kindly disposition, they will probably admit that the task is an exacting one. Certainly to anticipate the winner of the Grand National is no sinecure, and this year there have been circumstances that have combined to make the task unusually difficult.

When the bookmakers opened their lists for this year's Grand National they installed Mrs. W. H. Welman's Quare Times as favourite, and the move was logical enough, for this lengthy bay gelding was a convincing winner of last year's race, and with 11 st. 12 lb. he does not seem to be harshly handicapped. Moreover, on February 8, at Haydock Park, he ran a satisfactory trial over three and a half miles when finishing a close second to Mrs. G. Kohn's Sundew, another fancied Grand National candidate, to whom he was giving 11 lb. At Aintree, the difference in weight is 8 lb., but whereas Quare Times has jumped the Grand National course, Sundew fell last year at the 27th fence, though it must be confessed that he was going uncommonly well at the time, and but for the mishap might well have been concerned with the finish. Indeed, it is not easy to decide between the two of them, assuming that Quare Times has recovered from a bruised heel that caused him to be eased in his work for a few days. P. Taaffe, his regular jockey, will take the ride.

But although Quare Times and Sundew may dominate the market for the Grand National, many shrewd judges were impressed by the Cheltenham running of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Devon Loch, a brown gelding by Devonan out of Coolaleen, by Loch Lomond. No one, I think, would describe Devon Loch as handsome, but he is unquestionably a good horse, who has shown that he can jump and who is richly endowed with stamina. For example, as described in these notes last week, he put up a convincing performance in the National Hunt Handicap Steeplechase, run over three miles at Cheltenham, when he came from far back to finish six lengths behind the winner, Mr. G. H. Moore's Kerstin, having measured the fences and jumped them with plenty to spare. If, by stressing Devon Loch's jumping ability, one has given the impression that he is entirely devoid of speed, that is not the intention, for on January 21, at Sandown, he was beaten only a length and a half and a short head by Linwell and Wise Child, with Crudwell 13 lengths behind—and these are no sluggards. Indeed, seeing that he is by Devonan, who has sired a number of good-class horses on the flat, it would be surprising were he unable to quicken at the end of a race over fences. One cannot, of course, guarantee that he will jump the Aintree course on Saturday, but if he does—and there seems no reason why he should not—he will probably give them plenty to do on the long run-in from the last fence. And if he were to win, it would be a most popular victory.

E.S.B. (*nearer camera*) AND SUNDEW, FANCIED CANDIDATES FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL, TAKING THE LAST FENCE TOGETHER IN THE HEARTS OF OAK STEEPLECHASE AT MANCHESTER ON MARCH 3. E.S.B. beat Sundew by one and a half lengths

There are other probable runners for the Grand National whose claims are to be respected, and one of these is Mrs. W. L. Pilkington's Must, who, judged by his running in the Mildmay Memorial Handicap Steeplechase at Sandown Park, has much the same chance as Devon Loch. Must is a bold and clever jumper, and there is no reason to crab him, except that he is of the hunter-'chaser type and experience has shown that such animals, though they may, and often do, negotiate the Liverpool fences, usually find one or more among the opposition still standing at the last fence who have more finishing speed. Devon Loch might well be such a one, and, though one cannot be confident, one hopes that he will run prominently.

The New Flat-racing Season

By the time these notes are published the flat-racing season will be four days old and the Lincolnshire Handicap will have been decided. Having suggested that two horses, Military Court and Swept, would run well last year, and having had the gratification of seeing them finish first and second respectively, I was relieved not to have had to chance an arm again this year, for that, surely, would have been to tempt Providence, since, without previous notice of the draw, the race is a lottery. Indeed, were it not for the fact that the Lincolnshire is coupled with the Grand National for spring doubles purposes, it would not attract much attention, for it is a second-class handicap, the entries for which consist, for the most part, of light-framed animals that are easy to get fit and others whose pretensions of winning are based on their hurdling ability, which is frequently moderate. Nevertheless, the Lincolnshire Handicap unquestionably stimulates public interest and, by marking the transition from steeplechasing to flat racing, serves a useful purpose.

This year, racing under Jockey Club Rules is likely to undergo a severe test, for there is no doubt that internal conditions are becoming increasingly difficult. Granted, the Racecourse Betting Control Board have won their appeal to the Special Commissioners of Income-tax that their surplus should not be treated as profit and thus be liable to income-tax. But the decision is not yet ratified, and even assuming that it is, the £500,000 that will be released and used, presumably, to bolster prize money and the cost of transporting horses to and from race-meetings will not be sufficient to bridge the gap between profit and loss so far as the majority of owners are concerned. Nor will it go far towards solving the problems of race-course executives, who, according to the Duke of Norfolk, are suffering from "a gradual slowing of the whole machine," brought about by falling profits and high taxation. In short, racing and bloodstock, in common with other enterprises, are subject to the Government's policy of dearer money, and there seems little hope of enterprising managers being able to obtain sufficient credit to make the improvements to courses that are essential if attendances are to be kept up.

"What," it may be asked, "does it matter if racing goes by the board at a time when the economic situation, if not desperate, is generally admitted to be serious?" The answer given by Mr. John Hislop in *The Observer* on the day following the announcement that the Racecourse Betting Control Board had won their appeal sums up the matter concisely:

"Racing," he wrote, "is a regular and by no means negligible dollar-earner. It is the shop-window of the bloodstock industry." And he went on to say that if racing were allowed to drift on the way it was going, it would assume a definite and not very attractive pattern. Its patrons, he suggested, would be divided into two distinct groups: a small coterie of rich men and a larger one composed chiefly of gamblers. And, since even rich men could not afford to race on anything approaching a pre-war scale, and (on account of the paucity of stake money) would periodically have to sell some of their best stock to America in order to carry on racing, the standard of British bloodstock would deteriorate steadily. So, also, would the standard of racing itself, since not only would there be fewer good horses running, but it would be less honestly conducted, on account of the majority of owners and trainers having to depend entirely on betting to afford to race or make a living.

While on the subject of betting, it is pertinent to mention a Private Member's motion introduced to the House of Commons less than a fortnight ago that seeks to revise the archaic laws that govern what is generally described as gaming and that discriminate irrationally between one sport and another. For instance, it is surely illogical that whereas a man can forward in advance a postal-order to a concern that operates a football pool, it should be illegal to make a cash bet on the Derby away from the race-course. If the one is allowed, then surely so should be the other. That, at any rate, was the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Betting, Lotteries and Gaming, who, five years ago, published a report in favour of cash betting at licensed offices.

The motion, which was moved by Mr. Arthur Lewis, a Labour Member, and seconded by Mr. J. J. Astor, a Conservative, met with approval on both sides of the House, and the Under-Secretary for the Home Office undertook to introduce legislation calculated to "cut through the thicket of nonsensical legal provisions and to start again with legislation designed to bring the law into line with present practice and opinion."

POLYTHENE AIDS THE GARDENER

By A. J. HUXLEY

AMONG the many plastics in multifarious use to-day is polythene, which has been with us for over 20 years. It was originally used almost exclusively for electrical work, but since the war has appeared in the form of many domestic utensils, while the farmer is using polythene piping widely. The commercial glasshouse grower is using polythene in film form for heat insulation. Polythene has many attractions for the amateur gardener, both as pipe and film.

Polythene piping, which is available from hose-pipe size up to 12-in. diameter, has remarkable properties: it does not burst when water in it freezes, while its thermal insulation in fact reduces the likelihood of freezing; it does not rust, corrode or scale up, and has such a smooth bore that clogging is almost impossible; it is very easily joined together or connected to metal pipes or taps, is very strong, and so far appears to last indefinitely. The cost of polythene piping up to 1-in. diameter is about the same as that of galvanised metal, and beyond this size a little more. But it is so light that transport and handling costs are much less, and a great asset is that it can be supplied in 500-ft. coils, compared with the 12 or 14 ft. of metal pipe, which immensely reduces the amount of jointing needed. Incidentally, one man can readily carry a 500-ft. length.

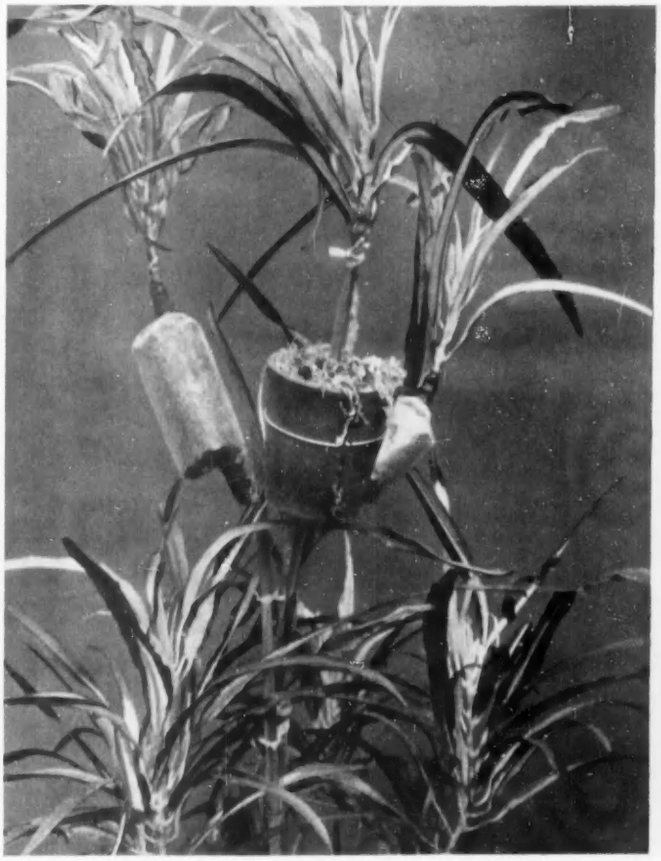
Instead of being put in a trench, this plastic pipe can be laid with a mole plough and winch at a fraction of the cost and labour required for metal pipe. For farm water supplies it is therefore ideal, and has the advantages of being affected by neither acid nor alkaline water. Its lightness is a great advantage in the spraying of crops and orchards; in the large garden it is ideal for laying water supplies and irrigation or spray lines. It is probably too expensive to be used as a substitute for tile drains. Here I might mention a harder plastic, polystyrene, which is made for drainage in slotted tubes and can be laid for the same price as tile drains.

Polythene piping is also being used for the conduction of many chemicals, foods and pharmaceutical products in industry, and will without doubt begin shortly to replace lead in domestic cold water systems. There are certain drawbacks to polythene pipe. It cannot be used for very hot liquids, as the pressure it will stand decreases rapidly as temperatures rise, though present research is expected to solve this problem quite soon. Its flexibility renders it liable to "creep" and unwanted expansion, if it is not properly fixed. Also, it is permeable by certain organic compounds, such as coal gas. Other organic materials may even damage the polythene. Fortunately, those chemicals used in insecticides and fungicides have no appreciable effect. There are different grades of polythene with varying flexibility, strength and permeability, and whatever the use envisaged intending users should consult the manufacturers.

Polythene film is already fairly familiar to the gardener, to whom its importance is its property of allowing air to permeate but not water vapour. If damp material is placed in a polythene bag, the humidity can be maintained almost indefinitely.

The first actual horticultural use of polythene seems to have been for air-layering, or Chinese layering, as it is sometimes called. This is used on woody plants which are difficult to increase from cuttings and awkward to layer in the orthodox way. The skin is wounded, usually by taking out a ring of bark, and the wound surrounded by moisture-holding material. In due course, if this material is kept damp, the stem produces roots at the wound, and when they are large enough the stem can be severed below the roots and the top of the plant potted or planted on its own. It is a particularly useful method with greenhouse shrubs which have grown too leggy, and is being used extensively to ensure perpetuation of the larger plants in the Palm House at Kew, which are unhouseable elsewhere and may not survive the current repairs to the structure.

The old practice of air-layering involved the splitting of a clay flower-pot, which was then wired around a ball of sphagnum moss surrounding the ringed stem and held in place with wire. This potful of moss had to be constantly watered; to let it dry out would court failure. To-day the split pot is replaced by a section of polythene film tied top and bottom, and sealed with self-adhesive or insulating tape.



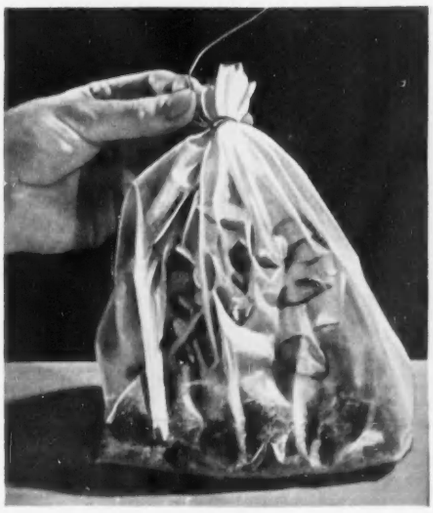
OLD AND NEW METHODS OF AIR-LAYERING. In the middle is the traditional method, with the use of a split flower-pot; on either side is the modern technique, with polythene wrapping, which obviates the need for watering

With cuttings wilting must be prevented, especially with the soft, immature growths so often used, which are rootless and unable to take up water. Here polythene comes into its own. Two methods are used. One involves laying the cuttings on a long strip of plastic, about twice as wide as the cuttings are long. Dampened sphagnum moss, peat, vermiculite or other moisture-holding medium is packed around the cut ends of the cuttings. The bottom of the plastic roll is then turned over the moss and the bases of the cuttings, and the whole is then rolled up rather like a Swiss roll and finally sealed and tied.

A simpler method is to place the favoured rooting medium in the bottom of a fairly large polythene bag; the cuttings are inserted in it, and the bag is then sealed, either by turning the edge over and sealing with tape, or even paper-clips, or by twisting the open end tight and putting two or three turns of soft wire round it. The use of wire enables the bag to be hung up out of the way. A development of the bag method is to place cuttings in a pot, or preferably a shallow pan, in the normal manner, and to envelop the whole in a polythene bag, sealed at the top. Hormone rooting substances can be used for cuttings protected with plastic film, as in normal practice. These root-promoting powders can also be used to advantage with air-layers.

Seed sown in pot or pan can be bagged in exactly the same way as suggested for potted cuttings, the advantage being that no watering is necessary for several weeks; thus the seed is not disturbed, nor is there any danger of its drying out. Once germination starts the pan must be removed from the bag or the seedlings rapidly become spindly and liable to damp off. Polythene bags have also greatly simplified plant collecting by their capacity to keep soil damp without attention.

The latest use of polythene is to heat-insulate greenhouses. The film, in a special



CUTTINGS INSERTED IN ROOTING MEDIUM AND SEALED IN A POLYTHENE BAG. (*Right*) A PAN OF SEEDS ENCLOSED IN A BAG WITH NO NEED OF WATERING UNTIL THE SEEDLINGS EMERGE

ATTACHING PLASTIC FILM, BY MEANS OF A STAPLING MACHINE, TO THE RAFTERS OF A GREENHOUSE, TO PROVIDE HEAT INSULATION

light grade (0.0015 in. thick), is fastened to the glazing bars inside the greenhouse with drawing pins or staples. The static air trapped between glass and plastic acts as an insulator. (A second glass pane is too heavy and cuts down the light entry too much.) In addition to the thermal insulation, the film stops draughts from cracked or ill-fitting panes. Controlled experiments have shown a minimum rise of 5 degrees F. in a house lined with polythene compared with an identical unlined house. Greater rises are often obtained, but even a rise of 5 degrees means a lot less heat input. In an electrically heated house, 8 ft. by 12 ft., the annual cost of electricity is around £7 to maintain 45 degrees, and over £15 to maintain 50 degrees, rising progressively with higher temperatures.

Not the least valuable aspect of this insulation is the slowness with which a filmed house loses whatever heat it contains, regardless of the heat supply, and so overcomes the rapid temperature falls in radiation frosts which are one of the greenhouse owner's bugbears. Conversely, quick rises in outside temperature, almost equally damaging to many crops, are only slowly transmitted to the greenhouse interior.

A word of warning is needed, especially to the owner of the very small greenhouse. If the heating apparatus is inadequate to maintain what the expert calls a buoyant atmosphere, polythene film may accentuate the cold, damp conditions so often occurring in winter, and be a positive danger. Likewise on unexpected warm spring days it can send the temperature up dangerously if no control is applied to the heating and ventilation.

The film is quite easily erected, preferably by two people; it is obtainable in rolls of varying width and is surprisingly strong. It should be overlapped at joins by about two inches and be stretched as tightly and smoothly as possible to avoid drips caused by condensation. For this reason also it is best stretched from the ridge to the bottom of the glass rather than horizontally along the length of the greenhouse. The normal ventilators must not be sealed up; they are covered separately with film and used in the normal way, for a filmed house becomes extremely humid.

Despite its opaque appearance, polythene allows over 90 per cent. of light to pass, including the visible, ultra-violet and infra-red portions; it has better light transmission than standard horticultural glass. Of course there is a reduction in total light transmission when both glass and polythene are used, and this can undoubtedly cause weak growth of seedlings in winter's poor light conditions. In summer the diffusing effect of polythene on direct sunlight may make it unnecessary to apply shading.

Double glazing can be advantageously applied to an orthodox frame-light, and will reduce the necessity to cover the frame with sacking if frost threatens. It is possible to use polythene instead of glass, either fixing the material to a frame or using rolls of a fairly stiff grade to which are tacked at intervals square wooden supports. This method is especially valuable with propagating frames inside a greenhouse, where hinged lids or loose pieces of glass can be a nuisance.

Small dome-shaped cloches of plastic film, with a square metal frame at the base, are available. They are very light and need fixing to the ground. It seems probable that "cloches" in the form of large, simple, box-shaped wooden structures to which polythene is fixed would be more economical and easier to handle than the dome-shaped type, and would be heavy enough to stay on the ground.

One may well ask whether plastic films could not replace glass in greenhouses. Already, in the Netherlands, temporary houses have been made by fixing polythene to a simple wood or metal framework; a 20-ft. structure can easily be lifted by two men and carried from one crop to another.

In Guernsey, a commercial grower has experimentally fitted a large greenhouse with two layers of polythene. The external layer, replacing the glass, is in a grade 0.005 in. thick; it is secured along the overlaps, 6 ft. apart, by laths nailed through the film to the wood frame below. Temperature rises of 8 degrees F. and over have been recorded compared with identical glasshouses. The ease of construction of glassless greenhouses, with either one or two layers of polythene, should commend them to the amateur and even more to the smallholder with successional crops, for only the simplest framework is necessary. "Panes" 4 ft. or more square should be possible, as long as the structure is adequately rigid.

It must be stated that polythene film has a relatively short life. It may not last more than two years when exposed to the elements; inside a greenhouse, up to five. The reason for this is that, as with rubber, the sun has a physical effect on the molecular structure which causes it to break down. However, polythene costs only a little over ½d. per square foot and its immense convenience should outweigh its short life. There is a very similar plastic known as P.V.C. which I have not mentioned specifically, as it has not yet been greatly experimented with; in some cases it may be superior to polythene and, like it, will undoubtedly be greatly developed and improved in the next few years.

The use of plastic film in greenhouses is almost as revolutionary a concept as was the greenhouse itself, and most valuable in these days of high fuel costs; its use as a propagating accessory will commend it to all amateur gardeners. In pipe form, too, polythene represents a revolution in materials which the amateur will seize upon.

CUTTINGS WITH THEIR BASES IN MOSS OR PEAT WRAPPED IN POLYTHENE BEFORE BEING ROLLED AND TIED UP

GARDEN OF A KING'S BOTANIST

By D. T. POVEY

ON a site which is now overgrown by the city, but which in 1728 was some five miles outside Philadelphia, John Bartram, farmer and botanist, made his home. When he bought this piece of land there was already a Swedish house there, but all he kept of that was the kitchen and the room above. For the rest he hewed stones and felled trees, and with his own hands built the house he and his family needed, while on the land sloping down to the Schuylkill River he laid out the garden which was to play such an important part in the history of botany. He and his sons soon made their home what it still is, a place of pilgrimage and an object of interest to botanists and gardeners all over the world.

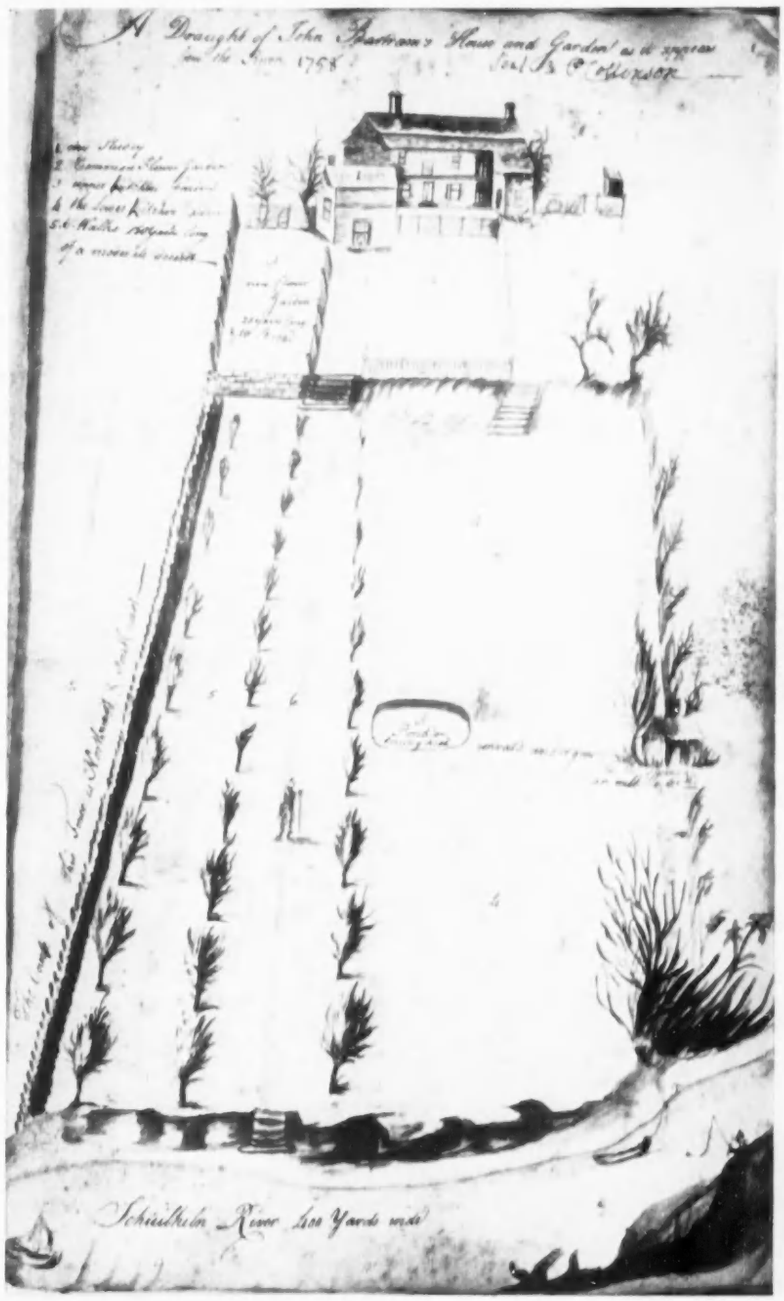
The Bartram family lived there until about 1850, and some years later the city of Philadelphia bought the property. It is now cared for by the National Park Service and the John Bartram Association; the house and garden are kept open to visitors and, as far as possible, the original plants are still grown. To-day a good assortment of picture postcards is available; but when John Bartram wanted something of this kind to send to his London friend Peter Collinson, he had to draw it himself, and though his effort amused the recipient and has been treasured by its various owners since, it does not appear to have been published until now.

There is already so much good reading about the Bartrams, in their own writings and in those of their various biographers, that only a brief reminder of their careers is necessary here. John Bartram, said to be a "happy, tireless man," born in Pennsylvania in 1699 in a Quaker family, was as a young man much interested in the study of medicine, but on inheriting land from an uncle took up farming as a living. When he bought the site on the Schuylkill River he was already a widower, but in the following year he married again, and settled down to bring up his large family (he had eleven children), to make a success of his farm and to pursue his studies, now devoted to botany, with such devotion and ability that, in spite of his lack of conventional education and his natural modesty, he was appointed King's Botanist in America to George III and became the valued colleague of most of the eminent botanists of his time.

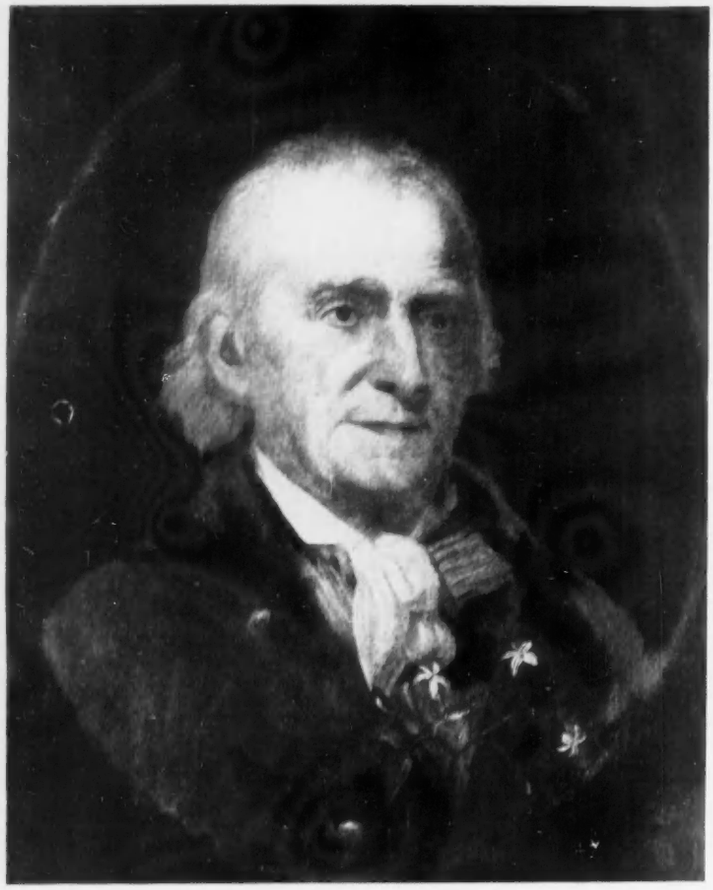
His fifth son William, born in 1739, became his close companion, and devoted most of a long life—he died in 1823—to the study of natural history, at Philadelphia and on travels to other parts of America. Of a dreamy disposition that sometimes proved a trial to his practical father, William was an able scholar and artist. He, too, won fame and honours, and his writings are known to have had a deep influence on many later lovers of nature, notably Wordsworth and Coleridge. His book, *Travels Through North and South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida*, published in 1791 continues to delight readers not merely with its scientific worth, but with its style and its revelation of the author's Quaker ways of thinking.

In about 1730 John Bartram was introduced to Peter Collinson, a London merchant interested in the wool trade with North America, also a Quaker and a keen botanist. From then until Collinson's death in 1768 the two men did much business together: Bartram sent boxes of seeds, plants and other specimens which Collinson sold to the growing number of gardening enthusiasts over here, or grew in his own gardens at Peckham and Mill Hill. In return, Collinson sent back clothes, books and other supplies, and sometimes European seeds and plants to be tried out in America. For example, Bartram was the first in his country to grow rhubarb. Collinson sent him some roots obtained from Russia, and in 1739 wrote to tell him what to do with the stalks. "Peel off the rind and cut them in two or three pieces and put them in crust with sugar and a little cinnamon, then bake the pie or tart: eats best cold."

For nearly forty years Bartram and Collinson kept up a most lively correspondence, much of which has survived. They never met, but became good friends—Collinson's opening, "Respected friend J. Bartram," melts by stages into "Dear John"—discussing their business affairs, their studies, books and clothes, the bringing-up of their children and everything else that made part of their lives. And in the course of this correspondence Collinson received



1.—SKETCH BY JOHN BARTRAM, KING'S BOTANIST IN AMERICA TO GEORGE III, OF HIS HOUSE AND GARDEN NEAR PHILADELPHIA IN 1758 (*Left*) 2.—THE BARTRAMS' HOUSE TO-DAY



3. WILLIAM BARTRAM, 5th SON OF GEORGE BARTRAM. A portrait by Charles Willson Peale in the Independence Hall at Philadelphia. (*Right*) 4. THE AMERICAN SUGAR-MAPLE. Water-colour drawing by William Bartram, aged 16

the "Draught of John Bartram's House and Garden as it appears from the River."

This plan shows the garden well established in 1758, with "walks 150 yards long of a moderate decent" leading down to the river. Near the house the garden is divided into three parts, the Common Flower Garden, a new Flower Garden 25 yards long and 10 broad, and the Upper Kitchen Garden. Then comes what appears to be in part a stone wall, in part a grassy bank, with two short flights of steps leading down into the Lower Kitchen Garden, in the middle of which is "a Pond or Springhead convaid underground to the spring or milk House." The drawing is in black and white, and is not signed, but experts on both sides of the Atlantic agree that it is undoubtedly John Bartram's work. The recipient has added the words "Sent to P. Collinson" and the date. It was probably he, who always did like putting his friends straight, who altered the spelling of "Citchen Garden."

It will be seen from a modern photograph that the house has since been much altered. It had to be, to keep pace with the growing household in it. In 1760 Bartram added a greenhouse, and in 1770 built out the centre part of the house towards the river and raised the roof.

Correspondents in Philadelphia, Mrs. Gertrude D. Hess, of the American Philosophical Society's Library, and Mr. Francis D. West, Vice-President of the John Bartram Association—to both of whom I am most grateful—have traced the comments of the recipient. In a letter dated April 6, 1759, now in the Manuscript Department of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Collinson tells Bartram that "We are entertained with thy Draught of thy House & Garden the situation most delightful and that for plants is well chosen."

Collinson kept the plan with some of what he aptly called "Billy's delightful drawings," sent him at about the same time, when that artist was in his teens. One of the earliest is the decorative water-colour of "Our Sugar-Maple as it appears when the seeds are fully ripe." These are signed, some modestly with initials, some proudly "William Bartram, his performance." All are mounted in an album which, some time after Collinson's death, was acquired by another botanist, Aylmer Bourke Lambert, remembered for his monograph on the genus *Pinus*. When Lambert died in 1842, the book was bought at auction for the thirteenth Earl of Derby, himself a learned naturalist, who added it to his fine library at Knowsley Hall, Lancashire. It is still there, now in the possession of the present Earl of Derby, with whose kind permission Figs. 1 and 4 appear. It is an interesting family album of these two Quaker households and their gardens, with notes and sketches sent by the Bartrams and others added by Collinson and his son, and echoes of Sir Hans Sloane, Mark Catesby, George Edwards and others of their circle. There is a colourful picture of an orchid marked in one corner "Painted by Wm. Bartram at Philadelphia," and in the opposite corner "Flower'd in my garden at Mill Hill, May 1760. P. Collinson," which is surely a very pleasant early example of Lease-lend.

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ON THE BEATEN TRACK

By GARTH CHRISTIAN

"EGGS," we murmur, when hearing four light taps on the front door. "The Rector," we say, as the whole house echoes to a single thump. As a dog learns to recognise the sound of its owner's car, so we usually know our friends—and foes—by their knocks. Big, powerful men—the butcher, the baker, the rodent exterminator—often knock gently, shyly, almost nervously. Our policeman, calling with news of a rare bird or strange mammal in the parish, raps firmly and authoritatively as if bent on making an arrest.

When five fierce bangs recently shook the front door, causing our cat—known as the lodger—to stir from his chair and blink uneasily, we knew that strangers had called. What could they want as darkness fell on a cold winter's evening? Help with a stranded car? Advice about the route to some neighbour's house? Or would they prove to be among the good people who bring to one's door injured birds, dead mammals, weird insects?

Three voices spoke at once as the door was opened. "Please could you give us some food? We haven't had a bite all day."

"Why not?" I enquired.

Whereupon the youngest of the three, aged about ten, began to explain. "We're on a walking race to Brighton. We came along the Primrose and Bluebell railway line. And now we're lost."

I must have looked surprised. For the curly-haired figure beside him began to explain in more detail. "The whole school's in it. We shall be all right when we get to Brighton, for my Aunt Rosie will drive us back to school."

"What school?" I demanded.

"The —— School at ——,"they chorused, naming a country town some miles from Brighton.

Within two minutes the small boys were munching half a loaf of brown bread and best English cheddar. In less than ten minutes they were stuffing themselves with marsh mallows. And in fewer than fifteen minutes they were seated in a police car.

"But what are your *real* names?" began the firm but kindly station sergeant at County Police Headquarters. The headmasterly interview lasted quite a time before the boys revealed the true name of the school from which they had so obviously "done a bunk."

The ten-year-old boy who pedalled along our road with the speed of a pigeon was a figure hardly less pathetic. He too, we found, was running away from school. But his destination was London. This occasional two-way traffic in runaway boys brings to our doors beggars of a new type, more courteous and better dressed than the tramps of old but infinitely more tragic.

Perhaps they were runaway boys who

watched me wander on to the common in search of the wheatears. Each year the first days of spring see a pair of wheatears hopping about our heaths and snatching at the ants and beetles which lurk in the grass. One day as I sat beneath the birches gazing at them, there moved into the line of my binoculars a pair of stone curlew, followed a moment later by a flock of scientists at least fifty strong.

Such is the place of luck in bird-watching that I do not believe the scientists—delegates to a conference who had driven 30 miles to our heath—saw either the wheatears or the stone curlew. For even as the scientists appeared on the skyline the birds vanished over the brow of a hill towards the bogs where the sphagnum moss flourishes.

Excited by my good fortune I visited the heath again a few days later, heedless of the few passers-by who dawdled near my home. Half a day's vigil on the heath soon established that the wheatears and stone curlew had moved on. Returning home late that afternoon I found the cupboards open and drawers dishevelled. While my mind had been full of wheatears and stone curlew, my house had been full of burglars.

In high summer we get callers of another kind, seeking a drink of water for themselves or their car. In spring-time we are visited by the tinkers from the gaudy Reading wagons. Eagerly they try to sell us the daffodils stolen from a neighbouring garden earlier that morning. Standing at the gate at dusk in midsummer I have been approached by a passing cyclist who pointed to a song thrush on the telephone wires and asked: "Does that nightingale often perch there?"

Standing at the gate is a fatal habit. I do it occasionally in order to watch the rooks manœuvring over the Clump, and to see the tawny owls emerge from their daylight roosting haunts. But it is a fatal habit because one is so often caught. Caught by the passers-by who like to tell you their life stories, and by the visitors who pluck the flowers beside the gate and then say: "I hope you don't mind our doing this?" What should one reply? "Of course not. The pleasure is entirely mine?" That is how a neighbour responded to this remark when it was uttered by a woman whom he discovered picking the *Erica* at the end of his drive.

Such are the drawbacks of living beside a main road. "But it's such a lonely stretch of road," writes a friend. A lonely stretch of road? Even as I thrust her letter aside there are footsteps outside the door. Expectantly we wait for the knocks. Four light taps for eggs? A single thump from the Rector? Five firm raps from the policeman? Gentle, nervous knocks from the butcher? The lodger rises from his chair and blinks uneasily as a series of loud bangs echo through the house. I hurry to the door wondering whom I shall find in the porch. A kindly neighbour with a wounded bird? A motorist with yet another badger that has been run over? Or three schoolboys who have done a bunk?

CORRESPONDENCE

IN EARNEST OR IN FUN?

SIR,—Did any of your readers notice a contest between a kestrel and a carrion crow in central London about 2 p.m. on March 13, above the tower of the Record Office, in Chancery-lane?

The two birds circled for some time above the tower, and it was hard to see which was the aggressor. Apparently, however, the initiative was with the kestrel, which screamed continuously as she chased the crow, which croaked only if pressed too hard. At one point the kestrel stooped after the manner of her kind, but her antagonist avoided the blow. The kestrel broke off the contest several times, to perch in a crevice of the tower.

Was this a dispute about territorial rights, and were those rights considered to be in the tower?—C. REID SHARMAN, 77, *Canfield-gardens, N.W.6.*

[This may well have been a territorial chase in defence of rights claimed in the tower, considering the time of year, but kestrels are sometimes to be seen chasing carrion crows apparently just for the fun of it.—ED.]

ATOMIC STATION IN ESSEX

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Driberg's letter (February 23), it may not be generally known that the War Office owns a large area of south-eastern Essex, namely Foulness Island, to which access by the general public is forbidden. Consequently it may be wondered why the atomic power station cannot be built on Foulness, thereby preserving the proposed site at Bradwell which Mr. Driberg rightly describes as a relatively unspoiled corner of Essex.—CHARLES H. PETTER, *Izmir, Turkey.*

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETIES

SIR,—I have just seen your editorial note about vandalism and the possible encouragement of young people to plant trees (January 5). In October, 1955, a society was formed in this village, at my suggestion, to beautify, tidy and improve the village and its neighbouring hamlet in the same parish, and to encourage the interest of young people in their own village in these days when both school and work take them from it so much. This interest was to be encouraged by the planting of trees, particularly ornamental ones. Such trees are to be planted by groups of two or more young people, into whose care the trees are placed and who express their willingness to do what they can to prevent litter.

With the approval of the Nottinghamshire County Council, trees are being planted by the waysides. In less than four months the response to the idea was so good that three standard walnut trees and 15 red flowering cherry trees are available to the society and some have been planted already.

We know of no other society similar in form to ours. This is called the Granby-cum-Sutton Village Improvement Society and the village and hamlet are in the Vale of Belvoir, six miles from Belvoir Castle. The society has provided and is maintaining a light for the bus shelter and village green and is providing litter bins where required.—M. MONICA MARSON (MRS.), *Granby Vicarage, Nottinghamshire.*

CRESTED CRANES COMING FOR FOOD OFFERED TO THEM ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF A TOWN IN UGANDA

See letter: Tame Crested Cranes

MINOAN BULL-JUMPING

SIR,—I was much interested to read the article entitled *Minoan Bull-jumping: How was it done?* (February 23) by John Hills. However, I think that your contributor has overlooked one important feature of the frescoes in the Palace of Knossos. It appears that the performers used to catch hold of the bull's horns with the hands gripping in such a way that a purchase could be obtained for a somersault over the bull's head. There is no suggestion that the girls gave the man a leg-up for the leap. It has been suggested that the charging bull raised his head, thereby giving impetus to the acrobat on his horns and providing a form of springboard for his somersault. I have used the word "his" in conjunction with somersault, but in the best known fresco the figure on the bull's horns is a girl. That the young ladies of those days were quite at home climbing on to the horns of bulls is well illustrated in the reliefs on the golden cups found at Vaphio, one of which clearly shows a girl with her arms and legs locked round the horns of a wild bull.

So far as I am aware no modern acrobat has attempted to duplicate the feats of the Minoan bull-jumpers, so we may never know how the trick was done.—WALTER J. HIBBERT (Sqdn.-Ldr.), *Royal Air Force, Hillingdon, Middlesex.*

THE HIGHGATE CABLE TRAM

SIR,—I was interested in the photograph showing the Highgate cable tram (February 23), as I often used this in the 1890s. I remember that there was also an open coach with long wooden seats and a canopy over it, which was joined to the tram. On one occasion my father and I were alone in the tram with a packed coach behind, and when we reached the top of the hill the brakes would not work. After a terrific jerk, the tram ran some way down hill. The people in the coach behind were injured, but we were merely flung on the floor and cut and bruised. There was no ambulance, and I remember two policemen with a stretcher, covered in thick black mackintosh and with shut-down hood at the top near the head, carrying the injured one by one to what was then the Great Northern Hospital.—M. K. GOULD, *Elstree, Wootton, New Milton, Hampshire.*

TAME CRESTED CRANES

SIR,—Your readers may be interested to see the accompanying photograph of crested cranes, the national emblem of Uganda, which was taken on some waste ground near newly built bungalows at Mbarara, in the Ankole district of Uganda. Normally these birds are hard to photograph, as they are very shy and quickly fly off if human beings approach. The two depicted had been curious enough to investigate the new houses and gradually responded when titbits were offered them by a householder. I took the chance to photograph them while they were eating the sweet corn she had brought for them, but as soon as they sensed that something was happening they flew away.

The pictures were taken when the birds were in their brightest and fullest plumage, at the end of March last year. Towards the end of last January I saw two crested cranes at close range, but their appearance was by no means as handsome as that of the birds in the photograph. The crest is bright gold, the neck feathers are a bright rusty brown, and the back plumage is shiny blue-black.—EILEEN TORR (MISS), *P.O. Box 1365, Kampala, Uganda, East Africa.*

FUTURE OF THE KENNET AND AVON CANAL

SIR,—Thanks are due to Mr. D. D. Hutchings for his interesting letter giving some figures on Kennet and Avon Canal questions (March 8). It is a rare pleasure to read a pro-canal letter which is not frantic, hysterical, or at least tinged with personalities.

But the figures invite some reflections. They suggest that the Kennet and Avon Canal, if restored and used as indicated, would yield a profit. Since the British Transport Commission apparently wishes to be rid of this canal, why does not some such body as the Inland Waterways Association (which has often attacked the Commission as unimaginative) make a nominal bid for the canal, raise by loan the necessary money for restoration, take over with pride and pleasure the statutory obligation to maintain navigable conditions, and thus show the Commission and the handful of sceptics how these things should be done? And, of course, make a nice little profit, more than adequate to pay interest and to finance a sinking fund to extinguish the loan within 25 years—if the figures given are correct. In short, not words but deeds.

Though the doubts of some sceptics may be a trifle shameful, they are not wholly unreasonable. This canal was not a flourishing success even in the heyday of canals, when some others paid very handsome dividends. To-day, when heavy road transport would cover the bare fifty miles from Newbury to Bath in little over two hours, the prospect of loads taking well over two days and perhaps three to travel the 57 miles by water (with more than

70 locks) might seem a little daunting. But if private capital rather than public money were to be used, the timid souls could be ignored. Let the believers take on the job—and how much better anyhow to have such an activity in the control of lively private enterprise, and made to pay, rather than in the dead hand of the State and its unimaginative officials. Incidentally, should not the produce of Savernake Forest make a useful contribution to potential traffic?

When other courses are being considered, the word abandonment, if used, should be defined. Canals which are abandoned as through transport routes (for lack of traffic, for lack of water on summit levels, because of the number of locks) need not always be drained and filled. On the contrary, extensive lengths may and have sometimes been retained as landscape features or for boating and fishing. Press reports and various books can be very deceptive (as I know too well, having at least twice been myself misled into "howlers" on canals) and more than once the costs of draining a canal, filling with soil and restoring the site have been stated as the cost of "abandonment."—J. D. L. WARD, *Redhuish, Watchet, Somerset.*

HOW TO DISCOURAGE WOODPECKERS

SIR,—The Rector of West Horsley, in Surrey, is not alone in resenting, as mentioned in an editorial note in your issue of February 16, damage done by the green woodpecker. Even we town-dwellers are not immune, though in this instance the bird was not trying to get at Joe Bassett maggots behind the shingles of a church roof.

Last year our almond tree excelled itself in producing a large crop of sweet almonds. Their shells were so hard that we could not open them by either nutcrackers or pliers, but had to crack them in a vice. Our visiting woodpecker, however, had no difficulty in opening them. We did not grudge him a share of our almonds, but we took a poor view of his method of opening them.

He cut a vertical groove some three feet long in one of our pear trees. The groove was about one inch deep, triangular in section and extended through the bark into the wood. The woodpecker carried the almonds the 25 yards to the pear tree and wedged them one at a time in the groove. With a few pecks he opened the shell and ate the contents.

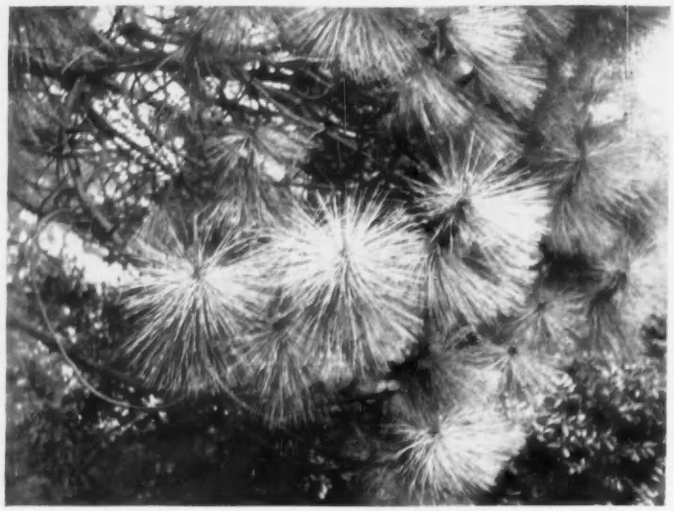
After some weeks, though he still visited us, he seemed to tire of the almonds and so, to protect the pear tree from infection through the open wound, we sealed the groove with a roofing compound, applying it warm with an ordinary trowel. The result is that the woodpecker has left our pear tree severely alone, although he still visits us, and has begun again to help himself to our almonds. We offer this idea to the Rector of West Horsley, although we realise that spots of roofing compound would not add to the beauty of his church.—J. D. ALLAN GRAY, 19, *Carlton-road, Ealing, W.5.*

THE BUCHANAN'S HEAD

SIR,—With reference to Mr. R. G. Buchanan's enquiry (March 1), I think the following extract from *The History of Signboards*, by Jacob Larwood and John Camden Hotten, may give him the information he seeks: "Andrew Miller, the great publisher and friend of Thomson, Hume, Fielding, &c., took the Buchanan Head for the sign of his shop in the Strand, opposite St. Catherine Street, the house where the famous Jacob Tonson lived, in whose time it was the Shakespeare's Head. But Miller preferred his countryman, and put up the less known head of George Buchanan (1525-1582). Buchanan was author of a version of the Psalms, and at various times of his life tutor to Queen Mary Stuart, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Principal of St. Leonard's, preceptor to James I, director of the Chancery, Privy Seal, &c."—EVELYN M. WESTON, *New Malden, Surrey.*

1066 AND ALL THAT

SIR,—The historic exploit of Harold's army in 1066 in marching from Stamford Bridge to London in four days as regards the mounted portion, which was more than half the total, and a longer period for those on foot, which you rightly call a "grand achievement" (March 8), is readily explainable by the fact that the great Roman road from London to the north was not worn out but still in comparatively good condition. In the Middle Ages there were scarcely any roads; most traffic went by water. Wheeled vehicles were unknown. As the population increased primitive roads were made for the use of wheeled vehicles, but they soon made them almost impassable in bad weather. In 1643 the Earl of Essex started from London with an army of ill-trained troops to relieve the siege of Gloucester by the Royalist forces. The weather was very bad and it took him no less than three weeks to get there. The roads in the 17th century were probably worse than at any other period of history.—H. LANGFORD LEWIS, *Reading.*



A MEXICAN PINE GROWING IN A SURREY GARDEN

See letter: Mexican Pines

WHAT IS THE SCENE?

SIR,—In your issue of February 23 a letter was published describing an accompanying photograph of a Dutch river scene. The letter asked if anyone could suggest the name of the village shown in the picture. I now enclose a photograph of a picture of what must be the same scene, but with different detail. This painting has been attributed to J. Heeremans.—ELIZABETH CORY-WRIGHT, *Codicote Lodge, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.*

MEXICAN PINES

SIR,—A pine tree with needles seven to ten inches long is something of a curiosity. That it can also be attractive is shown in my photograph of a few leaf clusters of *Pinus Montezumae*, the rough-barked Mexican pine. The foliage is bluish, which gives a cloudy effect at a distance. Even young trees are handsome and a well-grown adult—which can reach fifty to seventy feet—makes a fine specimen. It is a variable tree, as is shown especially in the length of its cones, which may be anything from 2½ to 10 inches long and vary in colour from yellowish to reddish, brown or black. Though the species is reputed to be not very hardy, and possibly not suited to cold areas, the tree photographed was growing in a Surrey garden.—A. J. HUXLEY, *London, W.C.2.*

ANIMAL BELLS

SIR,—The article on animal bells in your issue of February 2 was of interest to me, as I have a pair of round unusual bells that were attached to a bridle of one of a pair of horses issued to me when I was a driver in the Officers' Training Corps, about 1910. The pair of horses were issued to drive in a G.S. wagon in our summer training camp. Hansom-cab horses always wore these bells in the streets of London and their sound was most pleasant when the lights were lit, on a misty evening in particular.

When I was a boy we used to tie a small brass bell to the neck of our ferret when working. Some said that the bells disturbed the rabbits in their burrs and bolted them before the ferret actually got to them, but the chief use of these bells was to show where the ferret was when he came out of a hole. Ferrets always shake their heads when they come out and give themselves away.

In the second World War my work kept me in Maidstone, Kent, during the heavy air raids. We had a small cat who loved to dash out in the evenings and hide in bushes and play with us when we tried to catch her. At times she was lost in the dark, so it was decided to "bell the cat"—a great success!

One night during a very heavy raid we heard her bell up a fir tree from which, kitten-like, she could not come down. Our little maid, aged about 17, in black dress, apron and tin hat, in spite of what was overhead, climbed up to the bell and brought the cat safely down.—ALLEN COULTER HANCOCK, *Clay Point, Flushing, Falmouth.*

IN HARDY

SIR,—Mr. Ward's provocative article and his statement that writers of prose and verse have neglected to make use of the bells of animals must not go unchallenged. If he will turn to page 39 of *Far from the Madding Crowd* he will see how the particular note of agitated sheep-bells rings in a climax in the early misfortunes of

DUTCH RIVER SCENE ATTRIBUTED TO J. HEEREMANS

See letter: What is the Scene?

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ROYAL ARMS, PROBABLY PAINTED BY JOHN ALLPORT, IN MAXSTOKE CHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE

See letter: Royal Arms in Churches

Gabriel Oak in Hardy's novel. Again, on pages 118-20 in *The Woodlanders*, a team of horses carrying timber, with their full complement of bells, play a dramatic part in the fortunes of their owners. This is one of the most superb pieces of Hardy's dramatic writing, well worth looking up.

There are falcons' bells in folklore and balladry; and I seem to remember a pack-horse bell in Celia Fiennes and sheep-bells in Dorothy Wordsworth, but for these I cannot give chapter and verse off-hand.—EVELYN HARDY, *Upper Wardley House, Liphook, Hampshire.*

IN KIPLING

SIR,—There is a reference to sheep-bells in Rudyard Kipling's poem *Sussex*. It occurs in the fifth stanza, as follows:

> *And here the sea-fogs lap and cling,*
> *And here, each warning each,*
> *The sheep-bells and the ship-bells ring*
> *Along the hidden beach.*

—RONALD ENGLISH, 24, *Barrowby-road, Grantham, Lincolnshire.*

SCRATCH DIALS PROBLEM

SIR,—In the enclosed photographs can be seen three dials scratched into the brickwork on the left-hand side of the front porch of my house, which faces south 10 degrees west. In the bottom dial, which is 7 ft. 8 ins. from the gnomon or style hole, the 12 in.-long noon line is clearly marked with a Roman XII. In the smaller dial above, the hours of II, III and IIII are so marked. In the third and highest (10 ft. from ground to style hole) there are no numerals, but there seem to be tiny holes at the end of each line in groups of two, three and four respectively. The bottom dial has a deep 9 a.m. line, which was the time of pre-Reformation Mass and, together with the noon line, was the most important in early scratch dials.

There are no remains of the original styles, such as a small lump of iron, latten or oak; the style holes slope upwards and are not at right-angles, and are therefore, according to the late Dom Ethelbert Horne, who wrote a book on the subject, not strictly speaking scratch dials, but poor men's sundials. The one with numerical markings would be "from the early years of the XVII century. These dials are cut directly on the wall, they have the figures of the twelve day-hours at the ends of the lines, and the gnomon was either inserted at an angle or bent upwards . . . none of these forms are scratch dials, being merely rough . . . methods of making an ordinary sundial." But Father Horne, writing some forty years ago, also suggests that group dials allowed for seasonal changes, or different times of prayer, and that many were mutilated or added to. He was writing mostly about Somerset.

This house is believed to have been built in 1240, but the porch was probably added in Tudor times. I should be grateful if someone could tell me the approximate date of these dials, and if they are typical or unusual for the eastern counties, particularly on a manor house, as distinct from a church.—P. F.-F. BRUTTON, *Flemings Hall, Redingfield, Suffolk.*

ROYAL ARMS IN CHURCHES

SIR,—Since craftsmanship in churches is more often than not unsigned, this photograph of a signed Royal Arms in Maxstoke Church, Warwickshire, may be of interest to your readers. It is labelled: "Allport. Pinxit Birmingm 1774." The artist is probably John Allport, the 18th-century Birmingham painter, who advertised in Aris's *Gazette* for 1787: "House painting, sign painting, landskips . . . likewise pictures of all sorts, as Fruit-pieces, Ruins &c."

Though this work is dated 1774, it shows a Stuart coat with the initials of Queen Anne. But possibly heraldry was not one of Allport's accomplishments. Or perhaps the Maxstoke coat merely illustrates another of his advertised skills: "Pictures mended in the neatest manner."—MARGARET JONES (Mrs.), 32, *Forest-road, Moseley, Birmingham, 13.*

IN PRAISE OF GREYHOUNDS

SIR,—In her article of February 23 Miss S. M. Lampson remarks that the popularity of the greyhound as a show or companion dog stands very low. I have had many years' experience with greyhounds as pets, and I know of no finer companion or house dog.

A "longtail" has many virtues: he loves long walks in the country or town, takes up little room in the house—all he requires is a comfortable chair in which to curl up—and is not as fussy as other breeds over his food. In my opinion he stands supreme as a house dog, and woe betide an intruder if a greyhound is loose in the house.

He is true, loyal and most affectionate, and loves to play with children. Many of these delightful animals are put down when their racing days are over, and I suggest to anyone desiring a true and faithful companion that they approach any greyhound stadium with the request that they be allowed to take a cast-off and provide a home for it in its declining years.—FRANK NEAME, *Britannia Buildings, 38, Hoghton-street, Southport.*

THE FORGOTTEN LUCET

SIR,—In her interesting article in your issue of March 1 Sylvia Groves suggests that the lucet was already a curiosity in Georgian times, and is not seen to-day. It is certainly still in use in parts of Italy.

I remember a few years ago, while travelling from Verona to Venice, being fascinated by watching a nun in the railway compartment working with one with great dexterity. Her lucet differed from the ones illustrated, as it possessed an ivory handle of about the length and diameter of an ordinary pencil.—A. A. GALLOWAY, 150, *Heene-road, Worthing, Sussex.*

HUNTING BEARS WITH KNIVES

SIR,—I was interested to read in your issue of February 23 Mr. Newby's account of hunting the Scandinavian brown bear, and it brought to my mind a story told me by a Norwegian when I was shooting in Norway in the autumn of 1892.

The ground on which we were shooting was high moorland, some sixty miles east of Trondjeim, and not far from the Swedish frontier. Two natives who knew the ground accompanied us on our daily tramps. One of these Norwegian beaters had lost his left arm, and this is the story he told me of how he came to lose it.

He said that in the district where he was brought up bears were fairly numerous, and both he and some of his young friends despised the use of firearms for killing these animals, and felt that there was a far greater thrill in attacking them at close quarters than shooting them with a rifle from a distance of a hundred yards. His method was to attack the bear armed with a cudgel in his left hand and a long sharp-pointed knife in his right. He would then face up to the bear, beat him off with the cudgel, and await his opportunity to drive his knife into the bear's chest. He said he had killed a number of bears in this manner, but at last an old bear seized his left arm and so mauled it that it had to be amputated. This was presumably a survival of the methods used to cope with these animals in the far-off days before firearms had come into use.—ARTHUR COURT, 644, *Derby-road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield.*

A HARBOUR SCENE

SIR,—With reference to the harbour scene painted by Henry Dawson, reproduced in your issue of February 23, this appears to be the picture entitled *British Bulwarks—Sunset*, painted by him in 1855. In the life of Henry Dawson, by Alfred Dawson (1891), it is said to have been in the possession of Lambert in 1860, and the size was 60 ins. by 84 ins. Another sea-piece, *Wooden Walls of Old England*, was painted in 1853, but this measured only 36 ins. by 58 ins.—F. C. TIGHE, City Librarian, *Nottingham.*

SLAVE RINGS

SIR,—I was interested to see in your issue of February 23 a photograph of what is described as a slave ring. I have here a ring almost identical with the one on the left of the photograph, the only difference being in the lock, which is slightly different in shape.

My ring is engraved on the outside: "William Cally of Burdtopp in Ye County of Wilts, June 30th 1665 (?)." The last two figures of the year are almost illegible. The last William Calley died in 1670. It has always been wondered what the ring was used for, but I can hardly believe that my ancestor kept a black slave here in 1665.—J. M. CALLEY (Miss), *Burderop Park, Swindon, Wiltshire.*

THE STOBWASSER FACTORY

SIR,—I shall be very grateful to any reader who can give information about the Stobwasser factory and the artists employed there. I am already familiar with the notes in the late Donough O'Brien's *Miniatures in the XVIII and XIX Centuries*.

May I take this opportunity of acknowledging the great help I have had from the many kind readers who were able to answer my questions concerning the Woodgate family?—C. Y. BALL, *Peckwater House, Charing, Kent.*

THE TUDOR PORCH OF FLEMINGS HALL, SUFFOLK, AND (*right*) DETAIL SHOWING THE THREE SCRATCH DIALS

See letter: Scratch Dials Problem

Advertiser's Announcement

BARON TAKES TEA WITH MRS. ERIC FONTAINE

Photographer Baron chose the drawing-room for this charming study of Mrs. Eric Fontaine and her three daughters: twelve-year-old Patricia and the ten-year-old twins, Victoria and Miranda. Mrs. Fontaine is the wife of Major Eric Fontaine, and the daughter of the late Sir Alwin Dickinson, K.C.M.G. and Lady Dickinson. Until recently the Fontaines have been living at Torremolinos in Spain, but they have now made their home at Old Surrenden Manor, near Ashford, Kent. The Manor, said to date before the Conquest, is one of the loveliest and oldest residences of its kind in England.

MRS. FONTAINE: Here we are, Mr. Baron—Patricia, the twins and myself. Have a cup of tea and tell us what we are to do. Are the jodhpurs in order?

BARON: *Absolutely perfect. The riding kit is just what I want . . . I had in mind an informal group with plenty of atmosphere. After all, The Manor is really quite unique, isn't it?*

MRS. FONTAINE: Indeed, it is. Built before the Conquest, you know . . . it's practically a Domesday Book in itself. You *will* have a cup of tea?

BARON: *Thank you, yes . . . and from that lovely tea service! I've been admiring it . . . not quite so time-honoured as The Manor, perhaps . . . but quite superb. Queen Anne isn't it? And your own special blend of tea, too, I'd risk a bet.*

MRS. FONTAINE: Well, I'll let you in on our secret. The service *is* Queen Anne, and we *do* think our tea is pretty good. But I don't have it made up specially. In fact, it's Brooke Bond 'Choicest', I simply order it from the grocer at Bethersden with everything else. Always fresh that way, and much the easiest. Weak or strong?

HEDGES, SCREENS AND WIND-BREAKS

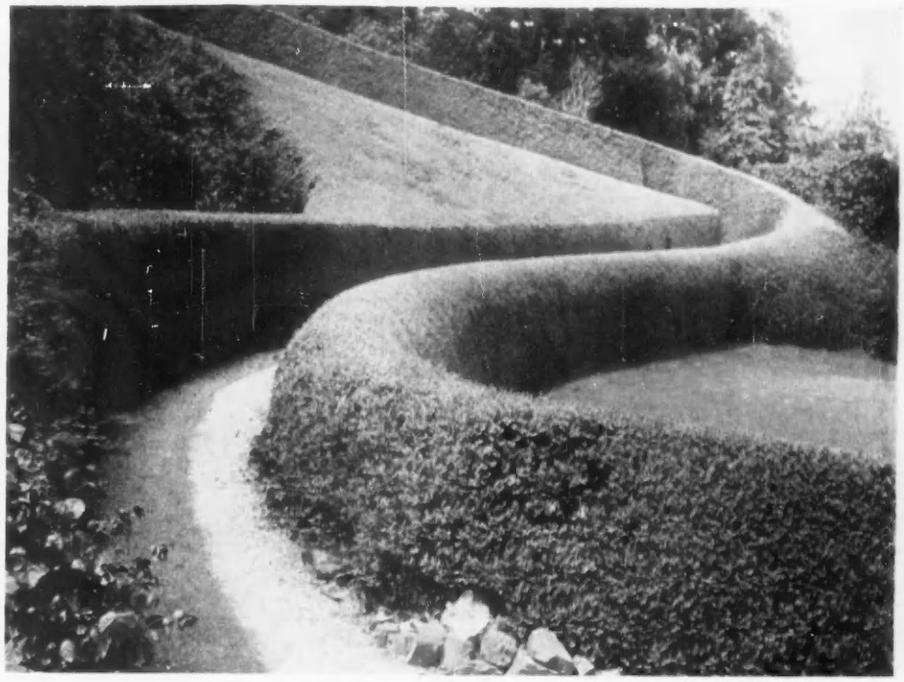
By MICHAEL HAWORTH-BOOTH

IT is strange how much has been written about hedges without even a mention of the one supremely essential factor in the formation of a good hedge. This is, quite simply, that the outline of the hedge must taper from a narrow top to a wider base. There are really only two shapes, in section, of hedge available—a triangle standing on its point, or one standing on its base. But even the advertisements of the manufacturers of hedge-trimming machines portray an operative smugly exemplifying how not to do it by shearing away at a vast flat top.

This mistake stems from a complete disregard of the fundamental mechanics of how a bush grows. Briefly the bush is built by the manufacturing activities of the leaves, and leaves only manufacture properly if there is clear sky above them; only directly overhead light is strong enough. Thus the "A-line," so to speak, must be the cross-sectional outline of a sound hedge, feathered densely to the ground. This close ground covering is important, not only for appearances in that it obviates the ugliness of the scruffy strip of weeds at the foot of a bad hedge, but also because it saves the considerable labour of keeping these weeds in check.

To reshape a malformed hedge, the easiest way is to take a bamboo cane longer than the hedge is high and to stick this into the middle of the top of the hedge, sloping outwards to meet the ground at an angle of about 75°. This forms a guide; the cane can be inserted a yard from one end of the hedge and one side shaped to it, the process being repeated for the other side. Anvil-type sécateurs, used with both hands, are the most convenient tool. The left hand bends the branch downwards, and the sécateurs, held with the blade uppermost, will then cut any bough up to an inch thick quite easily.

Within reason, the wider the base and the more pointed the top of the hedge, the less suitable for hedgework need the species of shrub be. Thus, if the base is wide enough, almost anything short of elder, ash or hazel will make an effective hedge. In my view, however, a hedge is a purely utilitarian feature. I have never seen a hedge of ornamental flowering or fruiting species that was really successful both as a hedge and as an ornamental display. On the other hand a screen can be both completely efficient as such, and also spectacularly beautiful as an ornament, but it does require a lot of work in pruning, tying-in, spraying, etc. This type is formed of an ornamental trellis that is attractive to the eye in itself and is further adorned by decorative plants such as climbing roses and clematis.



FINE YEW HEDGE AT POWIS CASTLE, MONTGOMERYSHIRE. Yew grows very slowly, but makes about the strongest of all hedges

For some reason present-day gardeners in Britain are very loath to spend money on really good trellis, architect-designed, properly made in a joinery works and thoroughly painted, although the cost is not, in fact, great, and the decorative value is very high and immediately gained. The special value of such a trellis screen is where space is at a premium and beauty is essential, but sound proofing is not important. The most effective plants for its decoration are free-flowering climbing roses such as Lady Waterlow, whose fragrant pink flowers harmonise so happily with the magentas, purples and violets of the large-flowered hybrid clematis to give a soft, quiet effect.

Alternatively, a more barbaric colour scheme can be strangely attractive, as where the pale violet clematis Lady Cholmondeley, intertwined with the velvety, almost black-purple of *C. jackmanii superba*, is suddenly set afire by the vivid carmine and yellow of that other perpetually flowering rose, *Reveil dijonnais*. This beautiful variety is one of those that have taken the place of the old hybrid musks for planting as a shrub in the south. North of London it requires the protection of a wall where it makes a fine climber.

Where there is sufficient depth for a more sound-proof screen, this is best achieved by filling the available space with living twigs and leaves as much as possible. There are many species of shrubs and trees suitable for this purpose, all of which have both good and bad features; none is perfect in all respects. Where the climate is good and the soil free from excess lime, *Rhododendron ponticum* is fairly quick growing and handsome, but can be cut back by cold north-east winds until established. *Eucalyptus gunnii* is ultra-rapid in growth—nearly twenty feet in five years—and beautiful in leaf, but unless small plants with straight tap-roots are planted out it may blow over. *Sinarundinaria japonica*, the Japanese bamboo, is beautiful and remarkably sound-proof, but heavy snow bends down the stems to block driveways and paths.

For colder places, we have holly, rabbit-vulnerable, slow and unpleasantly prickly, but sound-proof and wind-proof; laurel, beautiful until the day it is cut back (when it assumes a squalid ugliness which does not disappear until several years of free growth have restored its natural grace); belts of pine and fir, fairly quick growing but eventually so gappy as to require lacing with *Rhododendron ponticum* or laurel to keep out ground draughts; and cypresses. Lawson's cypress is in appearance always funereally depressing, and in other characteristics highly variable, while Monterey Cypress is gay and attractive but not entirely wind-firm; an unusually strong gale will push even old trees over. Lastly there is yew, slow and grimy, avid for every drop of moisture that reaches its vast stronghold of densely massed red roots, but wind-firm, bushy and everlasting.

Sometimes one can make such a screen-belt beautiful as well as useful by adding a little more diversity to the form and colouring. There is, of course, an ugly and a beautiful way to grow any shrub. Consider, for instance, how unattractive are unrelieved hedges of golden privet compared with a free-grown natural bush associated with other evergreens. Never a winter passes but I am struck by the beauty of some golden privet bush, particularly what is considered the poorer form of this, which has often a few vivid green leaves among the golden ones. Planted in the foreground with the intense vivid winter green of tree heath and the silvery ice-colour of senecio, one or two bushes of this privet make a very beautiful effect in the winter sunshine.

As a complete contrast in foliage form, we have the huge, unbreakable sword-shaped

MIXED HEDGE OF BEECH AND HOLLY. Such a combination of deciduous and evergreen looks attractive in summer and is still a wind-break in winter

18-YEAR-OLD LAWSON'S CYPRESSES MAKING AN EFFECTIVE WIND-BREAK

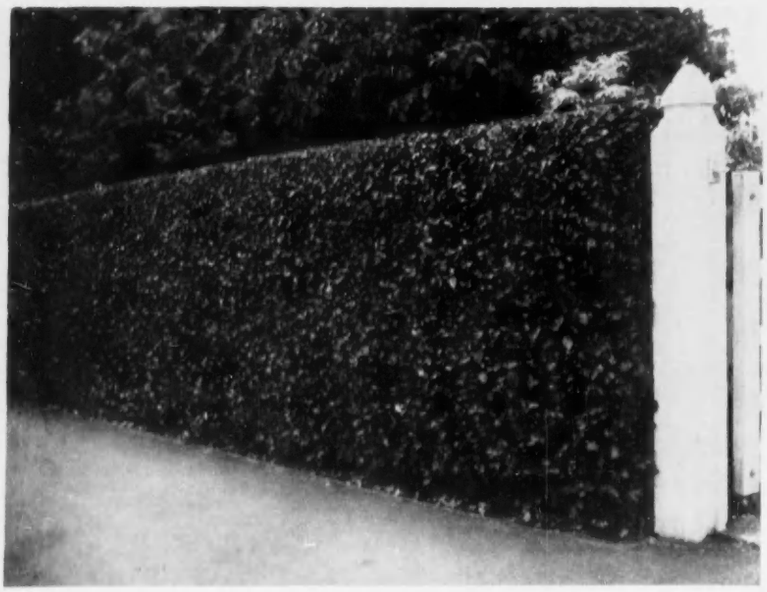
leaves of *Phormium tenax*, the New Zealand flax. Besides its noble appearance as a specimen, it is useful for an emergency tree-tie; a phormium leaf can be firmly knotted and will last until it rots.

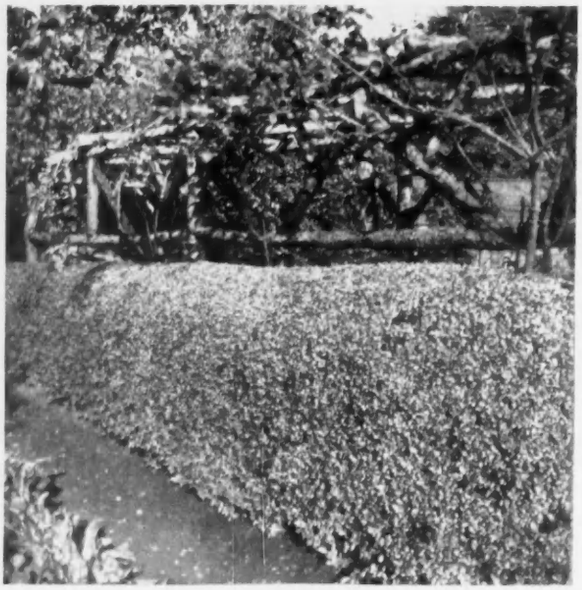
Where the screen area already contains large deciduous trees such as oaks, shade-tolerating species such as laurel and *Rhododendron ponticum* can be added as reinforcements. But the best way to thicken up the higher parts is to plant ivy. Remaining always below the crown of foliage of the oak, never exerting any constricting pressure whatever on the branches and not competing with the oak roots, the ivy, it is surely plain enough, does no harm to the supporting trees upon whose well-being, indeed, its own life depends. I have seen the wind-breaking properties of such a grove greatly improved by the ivy leaves and branches mantling bole and branch, and the winter green cheered an otherwise rather bleak picture.

There are some, of course, who dislike evergreens of any kind, and indeed deciduous trees and shrubs can do much to temper the force of strong winds, although, of course, they do not completely screen unsightly objects. One of the most effective species is the balsam poplar (*Populus trichocarpa*). Planted of the same age and size in a tree race with *Eucalyptus gunnii*, it was decisively defeated by six feet in both height and spread after five years, but it is wind-firm, fragrant and handsome in leaf. Incidentally, these tree races arranged by planting specimens of different species but equal size and age at the same time sometimes give unexpected results. One such included spruce, Scotch pine, Lawson's cypress, Corsican pine and *Sequoia sempervirens*. The last-mentioned had won handsomely fifteen years later. This superbly beautiful tree has other unusual qualities besides its well known longevity, for besides being insect-proof and fire-proof, if cut down it has the ability to grow up again from the root. Unlike the others mentioned, I have no experience of it as a wind-break tree, but there seems to be no reason, apart from its rarity, why it should not be used for this purpose.

The evergreen oak or ilex has the usual defect of its genus in being difficult to transplant successfully, so that small pot-grown plants have to be set out. Even these take some time to settle down and start growing so that it is many years before sizeable trees appear. As a rule, speed is required in providing the screen, but it is sometimes worth while including these slow but sure types to succeed the more perishable eucalyptus or Monterey cypress. In making a new garden, the great thing is to get screens and wind-breaks planted before anything else so that, as the rest of the garden grows, the shelter is always just ahead of it.

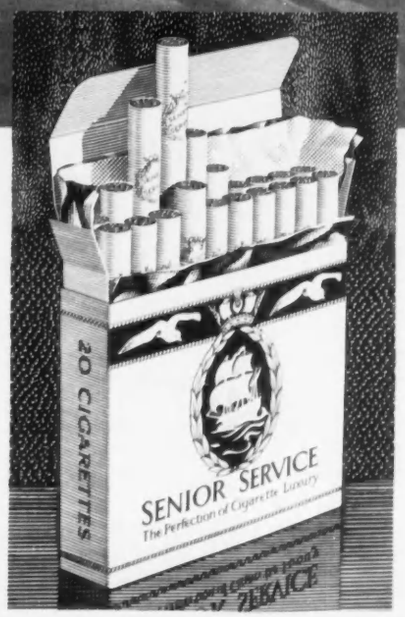
LAUREL, A GOOD HEDGE FOR COLD PLACES. The laurel unfortunately looks unsightly for some years after cutting back





A HOLLY HEDGE, STRONG AND SOUND- AND WIND-RESISTING. (*Right*) GOLDEN PRIVET, WHICH MAY BE GROWN BY ITSELF OR WITH OTHER EVERGREENS

LOOKING IN ON THE NAVY NO. 1



AIR-SEA RESCUE EXERCISE

ONE of the most significant and spectacular developments in air-sea rescue has been in the use of helicopters. The Royal Navy is perhaps the leading exponent of this type of rescue, and it was a Naval Officer who thought out the scoop net, with which a casualty can be "fished" out of the water in a matter of minutes.

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A GRAND NATIONAL CENTENARY

By E. C. KERR

IT is exactly one hundred years ago that the Gloucestershire rider, George Stevens, won his first Grand National. He went on to set up an unequalled record of winning it five times, and in addition won twice in two consecutive years on the same horse. Steeplechasing in Stevens's day was not the highly organised affair that it is now. Jockeys were called upon to ride over courses much more like the natural countryside, and the going often included plough. The Grand National course in Stevens's time had not grown too far from its small beginnings. The brooks, including Bechers, had been widened, and the fences built up a little. There were stands for the racegoers, and part of the race-course had been railed off. Spectators still rode on the course and cantered down to watch the start and the ladies came in their carriages. In 1863, when Stevens won his third big race at Aintree, the course was still a little rough. "Each of the eleven fields comprising the course were traversed twice and they were nearly all fallow and wheat and seeds, the race-course and common being almost the only grass."

It seems extraordinary in the light of present-day events to read that complaints were being made against the size of the fences. Bechers and Valentine's Brooks were formidable, "but all the other fences were mere narrow ditches with thin thorn fences of the most contemptible description and practicable for a schoolboy of ten years on his 12-hand pony." Despite this there were usually plenty of falls, and injuries to both horse and rider. To the risk of injury was added the dangers of the crooked practices of the time. Riders were not above pulling their horses, doping was not uncommon and bribery had its place as well. Stevens, however, seems to have been an exception to these unpleasant happenings, and there is no mention of trickery where he is concerned. Lord Coventry, for whom he rode on many occasions, said "a quieter and more straightforward fellow does not exist." A contemporary described him as being "fond of steeplechasing, but he was not a betting man, and was a good husband and father, saving without parsimony and a sportsman without stain."

Stevens was born at Cheltenham in 1833, and rode in his first National at the age of nineteen. Altogether he rode 76 winners, but was killed at the age of 38. His family, not unnaturally perhaps, frowned on Stevens's love of racing and put him into business. He ran away, however, and took a job in Shepherd's Stables at Hednesford in Staffordshire, after which he rode for a Mr. Vevers, of Hertfordshire. Eventually he returned to Cheltenham and became friendly with Black Tom Olliver, a well-known steeplechase jockey, who won the Grand National three times. Olliver taught Stevens much of what he knew about the art of steeplechasing.

The Colonel was George Stevens's best known National winner, but Free Trader was the horse on which he was successful for the first time—in 1856. This horse was owned by Mr. W. Barnett, of Cheltenham, and had been bought for only ninety guineas. Free Trader was trained by the Holmans, whose stables were at Prestbury, near Cheltenham. Stevens's first win in the big steeplechase coincided with two changes at Aintree. The meeting became a two-day affair and Mr. Topham managed the event, presumably for the first time. The race was run at a fast pace and there were several accidents, none of them fatal. Free Trader's owner is said to have given Stevens £500 for winning as well as presenting him with "a capital hunter" to the value of £80, but no indication is given whether this was a horse or a watch.

Stevens's next win was on Lord Coventry's Emblem in 1863 and again on Emblematic in 1864. These two mares were sisters and were distinctly "weedy." Both were trained by Mr. Weevey at Bourton on the Hill, Gloucestershire. Emblem was a thoroughbred mare, bred in Wales. As a chaser she had a somewhat chequered career. She raced unsuccessfully for some time but suddenly refused to jump. Later she regained her confidence and became a tremendous jumper. Stevens named his cottage in Prestbury after her, so that he must have had a considerable affection for the mare. Emblematic was such a shocking-looking animal that Stevens bewailed his luck at having to ride such a "roaring brute." A contemporary gave it as his opinion that the mare would not have made £50 at Tattersalls. However, she was third again the following year, which proves that it was not merely a lucky fluke. In fact, Stevens was blamed for waiting too long and so losing the race.

GEORGE STEVENS, THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOCKEY, WHO WON HIS FIRST GRAND NATIONAL IN 1856. He won five Grand Nationals, including two in consecutive years on the same horse

However, a description of the race in 1863 shows that Stevens was in fact a very clever rider and an excellent judge of pace: "The field of 16 comprised at least a couple of headstrong horses. One of these, the Orphan, had to be restrained with a leading rein. . . . At the hurdles placed about a distance from home, Emblem was leading; but jumping sideways she stumbled on landing, and it speaks much for the strength of seat of George Stevens that at the end of a long and tiring race he sat perfectly still. The mare recovered herself and won by 20 lengths."

In fact, Stevens's reputation as a professional jockey seems to have rested on two factors: his trustworthiness in the face of crooked practice, and his quietness and imperturbability. In dealing with horses he was a man who seldom raised his voice. "He would just talk to them and they would do things" was a contemporary description of his methods. One mare called Maria Agnes, fourth with Stevens in the Grand National of 1860, would do tricks for him. In his garden he and Thomas Pickernell, another well-known rider, trained the mare to jump over two long churchwarden pipes which they held in their mouths. Such tricks could only have been taught by kindness and Stevens seems to have had a remarkable capacity for inspiring confidence in his horses.

There was never any need to caution Stevens to ride carefully and Old Tom Olliver's advice on the occasion of his victory on The Colonel in 1870 was superfluous. Olliver wrote to a friend of his asking him to pass the following advice on to Stevens:

"Nothing can beat The Colonel if he stands on his legs and he is well on the day. The Master means it, the jockey rides honest and they have a great horse. If Stevens lays away from his horses and not be interfered with it will be like a lot of terriers leading a staghound a gallop. The Colonel is a good horse, the weight is of no consequence when rode (*sic*) by a man like George Stevens. Give him an old man's advice and tell him to be Patience and it is a Virtue and he will win. . . ."

The Colonel was indeed an outstanding horse. He was by Knight of Kars out of Boadicea. He was not a particularly big horse, being 15.2 hands, but he won the National twice running in 1869 and 1870. He was foaled in 1863 and a description of him is: "He has somewhat drooping, very jumping like, but almost short quarters, beautifully laid shoulders, capital back and clean legs. Quite big enough in bone for any useful purpose. He is not particularly deep in girth, but his forehand is perfection." The Colonel was a difficult horse to train, and no doubt Stevens's tactful handling had much to do with his success on the race-course.

The Colonel seems to have been attended with bad luck. Two of his trainers were accidentally killed, and it is said that his owners were equally unlucky. Stevens himself was killed when he was riding up Cleeve Hill, near Prestbury in Gloucestershire. A gust of wind caught his hat, and the horse whipped round in fright and bolted back down the steep hill towards Cheltenham. Stevens was such an accomplished rider that he might have been all right if the horse had not stumbled and fallen, fracturing his rider's skull against a stone—an extraordinary end for a man who had ridden so often in a race like the Grand National and never even had a fall.

An impressive monument was erected to the jockey in Cheltenham Cemetery, the money being raised by a subscription from Stevens's many friends. On it is written: "His name will be inscribed with honour in the annals of the turf for his general character and for his accomplished and successful achievements. This monument, raised by a subscription among the numerous friends who knew him, is a slight memorial of his virtues and of deep general and unaffected sorrow for his loss. The integrity of his principles and the uniform propriety of his conduct obtained for him the confidence of the public and he enjoyed in no common measure the respect and esteem of his employers. In the intimacy of social life his unassumed merit, fine temper and pleasing manners inspired a general affection."

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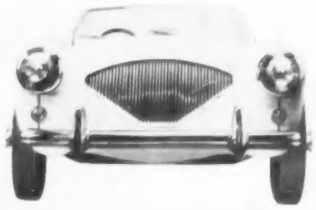

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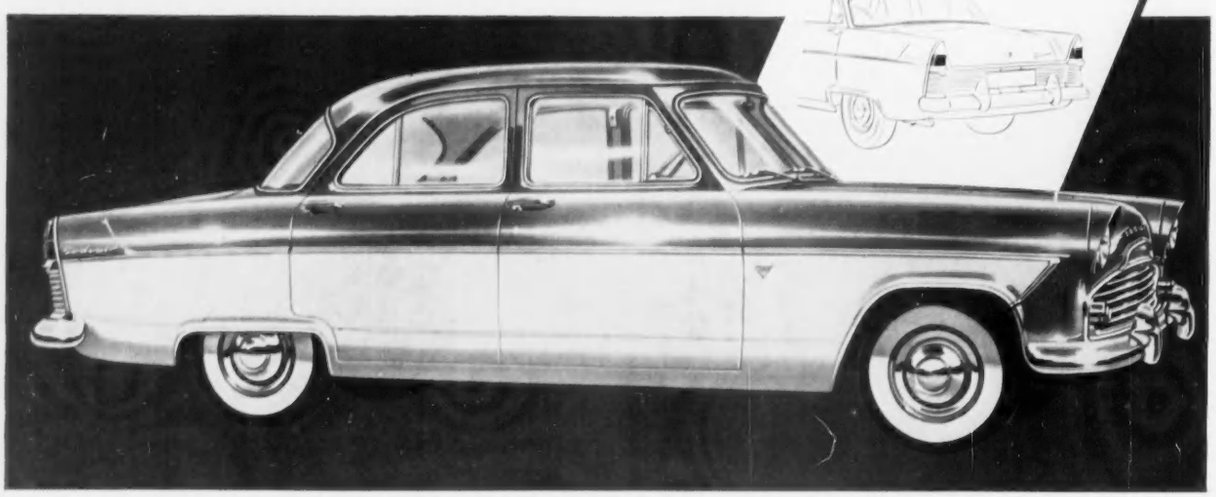

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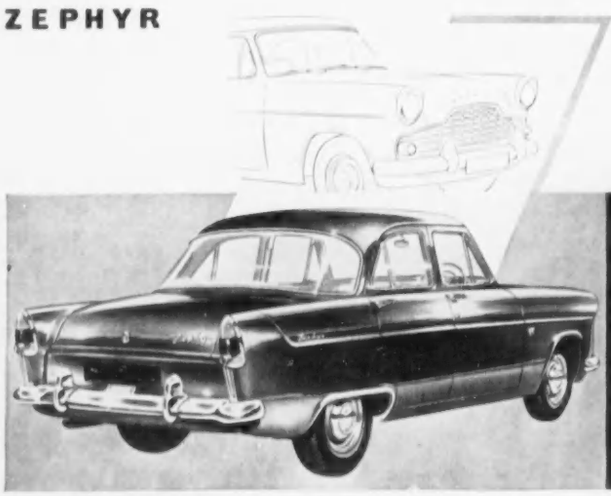

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LESSONS OF THE R.A.C. RALLY

By J. EASON GIBSON

THE R.A.C. International Rally of Great Britain, held last week, is a very different type of event from the Monte Carlo Rally. This is because of the shorter distance to be covered, the comparative easiness of British roads and the fact that public opinion prevents a high average speed from being used as a means of eliminating the competitors, so that other means have to be used in finding a winner. A series of tests are held which test the skill of both the driver and his navigator, as well as the efficiency of the car. While the winner gains considerably less publicity for the make he is driving than the winner of the Monte Carlo Rally, it is probable that the lessons to be learned by the manufacturers are every bit as important. It is likely, in fact, that the lessons learned from this event are of more importance to British manufacturers, as it is easier for them to be observed by high executives from the various factories, who take the trouble to travel around the Rally route and watch the different tests being done by their own and rival makes.

Without the expenditure of enormous amounts of money it is impossible to organise assistance for competitors on the Monte Carlo Rally at other than one or two isolated controls, but in the British Rally it is easy for the interested factories—including the actual car manufacturers, as well as specialists interested in brakes, lighting and tyres—to be represented outside each control point, so that the competing cars can be kept at concert pitch throughout. This may seem unreasonable to some readers, on the grounds that any good car should be able to circumnavigate Great Britain without trouble and constant tinkering. The advantage from the everyday motorist's point of view is that every trouble that occurs will be known by the factory responsible, and will almost inevitably result in a post mortem after the Rally is finished.

Because the weather throughout the Rally presented no difficulties, the final result can be taken as a good indication of the relative efficiency of certain cars. One cannot say that the result places all the cars in an order of mechanical merit, as many drivers lost marks because of failings by their navigators, but, if one bears in mind the type of tests used, they are an indication of the performance provided by different cars.

Both first and second places were filled by cars of Gran Turismo type—an Aston Martin DB2/4 and a Jaguar XK140—from which it might be thought that the conditions of the Rally favoured the high-performance car to the disadvantage of the more normal saloon car. This is true to a certain extent, and is unavoidable when special tests are the deciding factor, but it is interesting that the prize for the highest-placed team of three cars went to Austin, as did the Ladies' Prize. These cars are ordinary medium-sized saloon cars, quite different from the high-performance cars which filled the first two positions, and it is worth remembering that this firm has only recently resumed its interest in competition work, as a means both of publicity and of research.

It is a tradition in the more arduous competitions, such as the Monte Carlo Rally and the Alpine Trial, to carry out all refuelling during any spare time available before one enters a control, so that when one leaves the control no time will be wasted. I noticed during the R.A.C. Rally that many newcomers to rallies were thoughtlessly imitating this method, notwithstanding that immediately after the control there was a timed test over a standing half-mile, where the difference in weight between a full tank and a nearly empty one could easily cause marks to be lost. On the easy roads of Great Britain it would have been much wiser to fill up with petrol after performing the test, leaving the control at the end of it. Finally, while some readers may feel that rallies using the public roads are a nuisance to others, it should not be forgotten that in the long run they help to turn the spotlight on deficiencies in cars, with ultimate benefit to the everyday motorist.

INADEQUATE ROAD SIGNS

I have often written about the inadequacy of many of the road signs throughout the country, and a recent journey on roads that I know well drew particular attention to faults which I had noticed in the past. On this recent trip, when both trees and hedgerows were bare, I noticed that certain signs were completely visible well in advance, although once the leaves are out these same signs are difficult to see, and for a stranger to the district this could be an important nuisance. I have often wondered why it is that omnibus companies take so much trouble to trim both trees and hedges on country routes to prevent paintwork being scratched, while local authorities apparently seldom do the same work to make road signs easily visible. As a proportion of the total sum spent by a county council on the maintenance of the roads the cost of tidying up hedges and the like would be very slight, but would be repaid very quickly in the increased confidence and safety of the motorists using their roads. On this same trip—and I would like to repeat that I know this road exceptionally well—my return to London was done after dark, and I was amazed at the number of road signs which might pass muster in daylight, but which were virtually useless after dark.

I have no doubt that someone from the Roads Department of the various county councils drives round the area for which he is responsible from time to time, inspecting road signs and the like, but I am inclined to doubt whether this is ever done after dark. On this particular journey, where I know there are many signs obscured by natural growth at any time except the winter, I paid special attention to the visibility of signs after dark. It was not so much that many were positioned too high or too low for one's lights, but rather that they seemed to be placed in the one spot where one's lights could not possibly shine on them. One I have in mind was placed on the inside of a corner, almost tucked into a corner between buildings, in such a way that the lights from cars coming in either direction could not possibly pick it up. A movable spotlight would be very useful in such circumstances, but it is not permissible to use such lights while one's car is in motion. I agree that a complete overhaul of the signposting system of the country would cost a considerable amount of money, but even a small amount allocated each month per county would soon make a great difference.

OFF THE CONTINENTAL MAIN ROADS

I have on more than one occasion suggested alternative routes to enable motorists to avoid the busier and less pleasant main roads in Great Britain, and it occurs to me that there are many drivers who, when planning their Continental motoring holiday, tend to rush straight down the *Routes Nationales* to their chosen holiday centre. I was reminded of this the other day, when I visited a tourist agency, and overheard more than one of its clients declining descriptive pamphlets for areas other than those to which they were actually going. This strikes me as a great mistake, as much of the finest scenery and many of the most interesting spots on the Continent are to be found just off the main roads. Even one extra day allowed for both the outward and homeward trip would permit motorists to visit many of these spots, and this would have the additional advantage that unspoiled restaurants and hotels might be discovered, which can often be a pleasant change from the famous but over-crowded and over-successful halting places on such roads as RN6 and RN7.

Some time spent studying a large-scale map will suggest many ways in which interesting alternative routes can be used, and I think that once the experiment has been tried many motorists would decide for the future to avoid the main roads as far as possible. The same thing applies when the holiday centre has been reached. I know I have spoken to many motorists who know the Riviera well, but I find that their knowledge is limited to the famous places almost at sea level and along the Middle Corniche road, and only a small proportion have ever ventured into the interesting hinterland; some to whom I have spoken have never even visited La Turbie or the Monte Carlo golf club high on the Mont des Mules, although they have been in Monaco itself for some weeks. I know only too well the temptation to relax and live the life of a beachcomber, but there is no doubt that many motorists unknowingly miss much of the pleasure and interest to be had when on the Continent. I would suggest that no matter what place one has decided on as one's holiday centre, it would be worth while collecting every available pamphlet covering the country from the Channel to one's destination. If this is done there will be no lack of ideas that suggest themselves.

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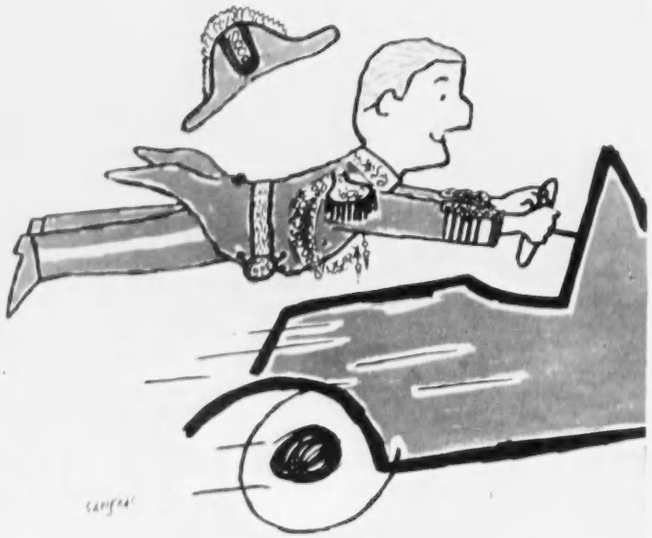

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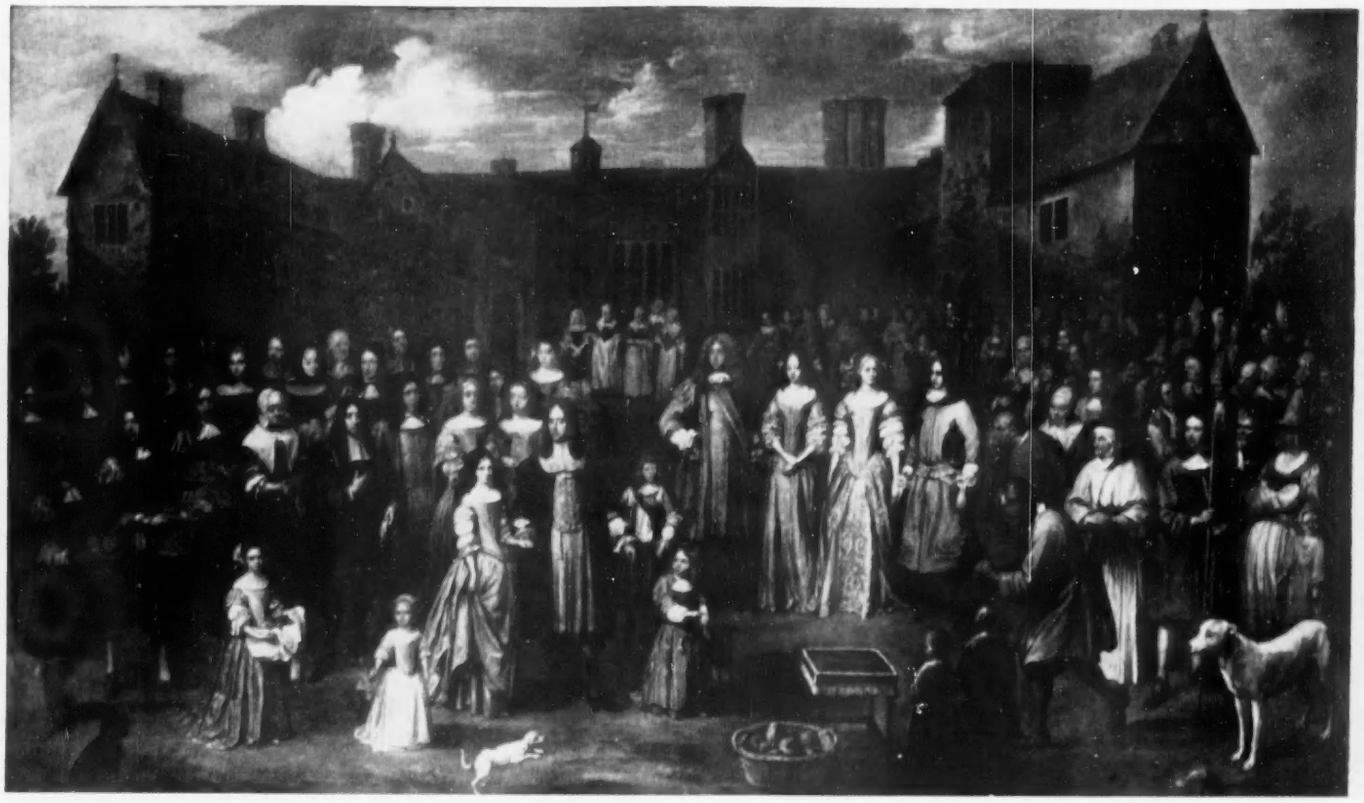
By PATRICK MACNAGHTEN



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SOME eight hundred years ago, in the time of Henry II, an old lady lay dying at Tichborne, in Hampshire. Lady Mabella had come to Tichborne from Lymerston, in the Isle of Wight, many years before and had become noted, in those turbulent times, for the care which she devoted to the needy of the parish. Even on her death-bed she was concerned for their welfare and she begged her husband, Sir Roger de Tichborne, to allow her to make some permanent provision for them.

Sir Roger was of a very different stamp from his wife; he was a sadist, and his response to her piteous request was a brutal joke. She could, he told her, certainly reserve for the poor the produce of any part of the Tichborne estate—provided that she herself went round the land which she wished to allot. There was a double cruelty in this hideous jest, for Lady Mabella had been a great heiress in her own right before her possessions had passed to her husband in accordance with the laws of the day.

However, Sir Roger's macabre humour was matched by his wife's courage, and she rose from her bed to accept the challenge. Too weak to stand, she set off on her hands and knees clutching a burning brand. She was determined not to give in, she announced, until the brand burned out. Before the brand and her life flickered out, she had crawled round a field of no less than 23 acres.

As she lay exhausted on the ground, she gathered her fleeting strength to ensure that her victory should never be snatched from her and gasped out a threat before she died. She prophesied that if ever a Tichborne should fail to honour the bargain, the house would fall down, that there would be a generation of seven sons followed by a generation of seven daughters, that the name would die out and that there would be no male heir. Sir Roger and his heirs faithfully carried out the bargain, and the bread made from the wheat grown on the Crawls, as the field is still called, was punctiliously distributed once a year, on Lady Day.

In the end it was the recipients not the donors who abused the custom, for by the end of the 18th century the Tichborne Dole had become a most rowdy affair. As Lady Day approached a great concourse of all the riff-raff of the neighbourhood descended upon the quiet little village from miles around. A goose-fair was established and the place swarmed with undesirables. When the Dole was actually distributed, the people of Tichborne were thrust aside in the scramble for the bread and it was carried off by the intruders. The Tichborne family was powerless to intervene, because the Dole was intended for the poor in general and was not confined to the poor of the village. At last things reached such a pitch that the local magistrates asked the Tichborne of the day, Sir Henry, to discontinue the Dole, and in 1795 he did so.

Gradually a strange series of events began to make their pattern clear. Sir Henry was travelling on the Continent and was interned in France during the Napoleonic Wars. While he was imprisoned the old house at Tichborne caught fire and was partially destroyed. Without his knowledge or consent, the remainder was pulled down. Exactly how old the original parts of this house were no one can tell, but although the bulk of it was Tudor, some of the massive walls—walls so thick that they had to be demolished by gunpowder—were very ancient and it is by no means improbable that they were already old when Lady Mabella was alive.

Sir Henry returned to find the present Tichborne Park, an elegant house typical of its period, being erected on the site of the old one.

Strangely or inevitably, depending upon whether one regards the sequence of events as a coincidence or as a fulfilment, Sir Henry had seven sons. The third one, Edward, changed his name to Doughty to comply with the conditions of a legacy.

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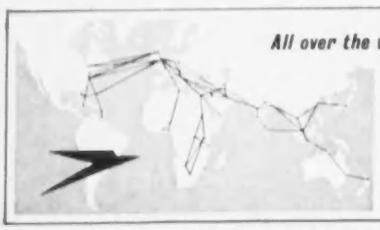

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of the results foreseen by Lady Mabella had come to pass: the house had fallen down or, more accurately, it had been pulled down, and also a generation of seven sons had been born. When Edward Doughty succeeded to the baronetcy the name of Tichborne had certainly died out as far as the main branch was concerned, and if the generation of seven sons were followed by one of seven daughters, the full curse would be accomplished. However, in spite of the fact that the seven brothers produced seven daughters, one of them, James, had a son, who was born in 1829 and christened Roger. And so it seemed, as Roger grew to manhood, that the final point of Lady Mabella's curse—that there would be no male heir—would not come true. And then Roger was drowned in a ship which went down off the coast of South America in 1854.

Whether Sir Edward was awed by the shadow of the rapidly unfolding prophecy or whether he was moved by some different reason does not matter. But whatever the reason may have been, he decided to re-institute the Tichborne Dole, and on Lady Day, 1835, it began again.

Shortly afterwards James had a second son, Alfred, and when he succeeded his brother, Sir Edward Doughty, he assumed the family name again and became known as Sir James Doughty-Tichborne. From then on the succession was secure, in spite of the fantastic attempt of the slaughterman from Wagga Wagga to prove his claim to be the dead Roger.

And so, except for the short but disastrous break of 40 years, the Tichborne Dole has continued for eight centuries. Only once has it been in danger, and that was by no action of the Tichbornes. Lady Mabella, poor simple soul, had not foreseen the machinations of bureaucracy, and it was left to Sir Anthony (the present baronet and great-grandson of Sir Alfred) to fight the battle of the bread units during the days of rationing. The record of his dealings with the Ministry of Food reads like an Itma script, but eventually he triumphed and the continuity was saved. To-day the Dole is not directly related to the produce of the Crawls and is given only to the inhabitants of Tichborne and the neighbouring parish of Cheriton. A list is kept always up to date and every adult receives one gallon of flour (about six pounds) and every child half a gallon. The amount is restricted to a maximum of four gallons per family.

The age-old ceremony of blessing the Dole is carried out before distribution, just as it always was, and the Catholic chaplain says a prayer for the soul of Lady Mabella. In fact, the ancient tradition is carried out in the spirit and the letter. The only modification which 800 years have wrought is that now, by the villagers' special request, the Dole is paid in self-raising flour.

I am indebted to Major Sir Anthony Doughty-Tichborne, Bt., for invaluable help in the preparation of this article and for permission to reproduce the painting by Gillis van Tilborch.

SOFT FRUITS FOR THE AMATEUR

By RAYMOND BUSH

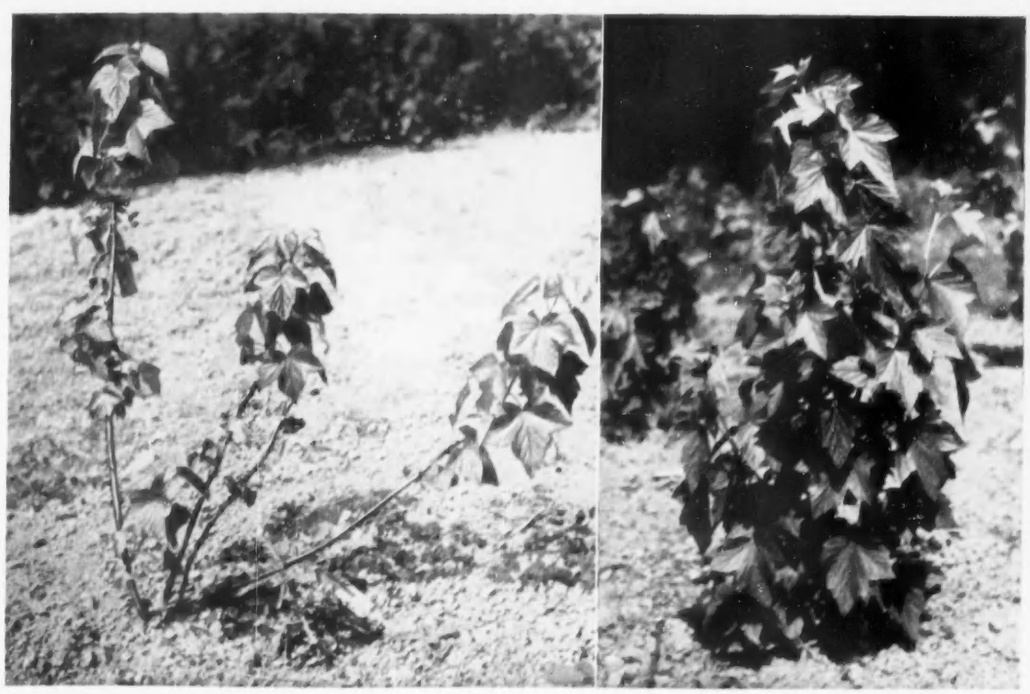
THOUGH it is always preferable to make new plantings of soft fruits in the late autumn while the soil still holds the warmth of summer and young roots can get a hold before the cold of winter checks them, planting can be begun in a dry February and continued through March and even into April. Commercial fruit growers tend more and more to concentrate on as few tried and trusted varieties as possible, and, while the amateur has a wide choice in all the soft fruits and is lured into planting by the claims of catalogues, it is always advisable to include some of the popular commercial sorts.

It would be a foolish man who in setting out a new black-currant patch omitted the Hilltop Baldwin, which is now among the most widely planted and profitable varieties. It is a mid-late season currant which hangs on well and does not drop. To my certain knowledge the selection and propagation of this variety was begun well before 1914, so that its popularity to-day is a sure sign of a good constitution.

Earlier sorts, such as Mendip Cross, a first-early bred by Mr. Spinks, of Long Ashton Research Station in the West Midlands, was put into commerce in the early '30s. Another by the same breeder, Cotswold Cross, is a little later ripening, coming in about the same time as Baldwin, and is a very heavy cropper. The rainfall in the west is higher than in the east and suits this fruit, and the three named are all heavily planted to-day; indeed, the run on Baldwin bushes makes this variety difficult to obtain.

When planting black currants in spring it is vital to prune the existing branches back practically to soil level. Unless this is done the shoots left are useless and the plant is permanently weakened.

It is a mistake for an amateur to take cuttings of black currants from his own bushes, however well thay may be doing, unless he knows how to detect the first signs of reversion—a virus disease spread by the big bud mite—as, though he selects what seem to be perfectly good, clean shoots, if there is a trace of reversion in his stock the new plants will develop the disease before long. New black-currant bushes, preferably one or two years old, should be bought under the guarantee of a certificated raiser whose stock is annually inspected by



A 2-YEAR-OLD BLACK-CURRANT BUSH PLANTED AND NOT PRUNED. The result is no fruit and no new growth. (*Right*) A 2-YEAR-OLD BLACK CURRANT CUT RIGHT DOWN. The result is no fruit but fine shoots for next season

experts from the National Agricultural Advisory Service who are trained to detect this trouble. Names of nurserymen who can supply such bushes can always be found in the trade papers which can be had on request from bookstalls.

The two American red currants, Red Lake and Minnesota, are now in commerce and have proved excellent for size and cropping. That prolific raiser of new varieties, the late Mr. Laxton of the Bedford nursery firm, left behind him some good varieties and, if the two named above cannot be obtained, Laxton's Perfection and Laxton's No. 1 are both good croppers. The former often grows very large fruit but does not crop quite so heavily as the latter. Since few red currants are needed to-day by most families, if garden space is a consideration a short row of single cordons trained on canes is easy to protect against birds and very easy to pick.

In spite of the colossal imports of fruit from the Continent, gooseberries are seldom sent in from abroad to our home markets. Being a low priced fruit it is not widely grown, and growers who can think back to the '20s will recall seasons when a penny a pound was all they could get on the market for ton consignments. Good types to grow are Careless, an early white berry, Whinham's, a mid-season red one, and Lancer, a late green fruit. For real quality Langley Gage can be planted for dessert, but Leveller, the big yellow berry which is sold in pound punnets in the shops, is rather a specialised variety, the best coming from the Newick and Chailey district in Sussex, where a local well-drained sandy loam suits them. One can grow a gooseberry bush on a leg, or from a stool when several branches spring from the soil. The advantage of the latter form is that if the bush be attacked by the die-back fungus only the branch attacked is lost, while in the former the trouble may get down into the stem and kill the whole bush.

Raspberries can be planted right into the spring and will make good canes for the next year's fruiting, provided that planted canes are cut back to a foot as soon as a live bud can be seen to cut to. If the cane is left to fruit no crop will be picked and little new cane will be produced. Malling Enterprise is a good variety, as also is Exploit, and neither is such a heavy producer of surplus cane as Promise. Pearl is an attractive variety, but the re-invigorated Lloyd George does not seem to be performing as well as the original namesake and fruit is small. Newburgh is a fine berry, but suffers badly from cane-blight, though this disease can be controlled by spraying all young canes sprouting from the soil in late April and again in May, using a BHC spray but confining the spray to the bottom foot of the raspberry row. The midge which begins the damage emerges from the soil then and, if this is destroyed, then loss of cane by fungus attack is much reduced.

Raspberries can now be had right through the autumn, and good fruit which is clean of beetle grubs makes good prices. Two derris sprays in due season will control the grub. A new autumn variety, Golden Everest, fruits through August, and is followed by a later variety, September, an American introduction which carries enormous fruit under good cultivation right until October or November frosts spoil the fruit. It is well worth a trial and so far has no virus trouble.

It is curious that, while amateurs continue to plant loganberries—though good strains are to-day hard to come by—most of them have overlooked the claims of the hybrid berry, which was raised by Mr. Grubb of raspberry fame at least fifteen years ago. This berry is a cross between a black and a red raspberry, and carries almost black fruit which ripens to a dusty white bloom. Though of little value for dessert the hybrid berry makes a jam which is infinitely superior to raspberry jam, and once one has eaten it one would never again bother to spread pippy raspberry jam on one's bread and butter. The plant grows rather differently from the raspberry, making enough replacement cane but no spawn. If one wishes for increase it can be had by burying the growing tip of a long shoot in the soil in August, and in spring digging up the new young plant which will have formed at the end of the buried shoot. The boysenberry, being a sparse cropper, and rather sour, is now being superseded by the nectarberry, which is similar in growth habit but sweeter.

If I wanted blackberries in the garden I would set out a few plants of Himalaya Giant, a variety of German origin which grows with immense vigour and fruits from late June till frosts come. One can make an unclimbable fence of this berry by training it along a chestnut pale fence, for its thorns are really formidable. It needs a couple of derris sprays against the raspberry beetle when the green fruits can be seen, and again when they begin to colour. A weaker grower which carries good fruit is the John Innes variety.

With the collapse to virus disease in many places of the strawberry Climax—a berry which had for some time seemed to be the answer to a gardener's prayer—growers were forced to look for other kinds. Mr. R. D. Reed, who raised Climax, believes that the virus which caused its decline may not spread to new introductions, and his Talisman is now being widely planted and is quite as good as Climax. It is a mistake to plant different varieties of strawberry close together unless, like Tardive de Leopold, they are infertile without pollen from another kind. This applies especially where strawberries are grown under cloches, for the strawberry aphis which carries the disease likes the heat and dryness below the cloche.

Certificated Royal Sovereign runners are well worth planting in heavily manured ground, as also is Cambridge Favourite. It is well to remember that deep digging and heavy manuring should precede strawberry planting and that runners should never be allowed to get too dry when young. Spring-planted strawberries must be de-blossomed if they are to build up a good crown for next season's fruiting.

LAXTON'S No. 1 RED CURRANT, A GOOD CROPPER, GROWN AS A SINGLE CORDON. (*Right*) LEVELLER GOOSEBERRY, A BIG YELLOW VARIETY WHICH FLOURISHES BEST ON A PARTICULAR SANDY LOAM IN SUSSEX

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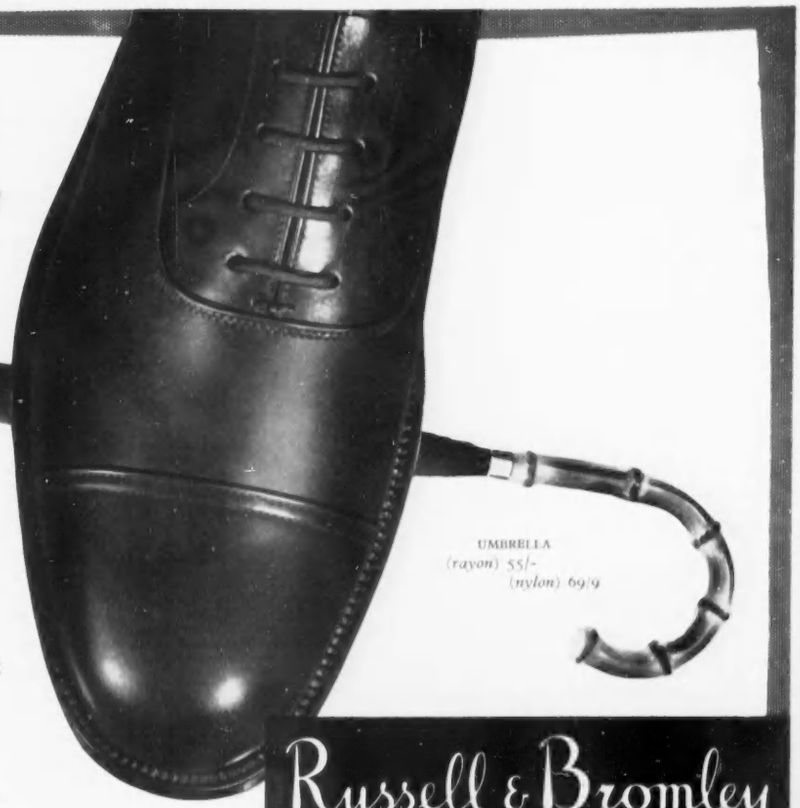

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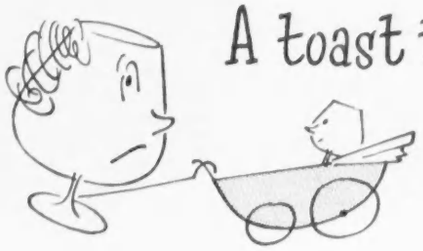

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IT is probably not too much to say that William Robinson was responsible for the modern garden. He it was who, in the mid-stream of the Victorian craze for bedding plants, carpet bedding, topiary and stonework, cried out against this artificiality and eventually turned gardeners' ideas towards the naturalistic rock garden, the herbaceous and mixed border, and the wild or informal garden. He crusaded for hardy exotic plants, especially those suitable for naturalising, and thereby turned the aims of plant collectors from the tropical stove-house plants to the hardy ones. His own words on the subject are worth repeating: ". . . there are really but two styles [of gardening]: one straitlaced, mechanical, fond of walls and bricks, or it may be gravel; fond also of such geometry as the designer of wall-papers excels in . . .; fond too of squirting water in an immoderate degree, with trees in tubs as an accompaniment, and perhaps griffins and endless plaster and stone work. The other . . . accepting nature as a guide, and endeavouring to multiply . . . her most charming features."

In his championing of these causes he wrote immensely, partly in periodicals of his own founding and also in books. One of these books, *The English Flower Garden*, is the gospel of his movement, and passed through 15 editions between its first publication in 1883 and its last, just before Robinson's death at the age of 97, in 1934. Now the original publisher, John Murray, has issued a 16th edition (42s.), entirely revised and edited by Mr. Roy Hay.

Trenchant Good Sense

Mr. Hay has preserved the flavour of Robinson while leaving out or toning down fiery references to such things as carpet bedding which now again have a definite place in our public parks; he has added new material, especially on all-important labour saving; he has kept a lot of the trenchant good sense of the old master and got rid of the peevish and unthinking spleen. Those who prize older editions may not like this streamlining; but I think Mr. Hay has fulfilled his assignment most successfully; his additions are difficult to detect and his deletions salutary. He has had the assistance of several specialists, including Mr. A. T. Johnson, "the prophet that has carried on the master's teaching."

To the new reader the volume may look a little strange, for the format, with its heavy side headings, has been preserved together with many of the original steel engravings, though there are numerous new photographic illustrations. But this emphasises the historical importance of Robinson, and there are few better texts on the genesis, design and management of the modern flower garden, and choice of plants for it.

More than three-quarters of this massive volume (723 pages) is devoted to a descriptive list of hardy plants, unique among modern literature. This reference alone, brought up to date to include all recent introductions of merit, is invaluable, and a brief analysis of plants by their uses in an appendix is the final useful touch to a remarkable book.

Flowers Without Heat

Many people imagine that it is hardly possible to make an entirely cold greenhouse attractive for much of the year. In *The Unheated Greenhouse* (Collingridge, 18s.) Deenagh Goold-Adams proves decisively that it is possible, entirely out of her own experience with a small unheated house—a fact which alone commends the book in these days when so many gardening volumes are little more than compilations. Many of the cultural techniques have been evolved by Mrs. Goold-Adams herself as a result of trial and error, and the whole book is refreshingly written, concise most of the time but sparing space for the occasional apposite and humorous observation.

The book starts with the greenhouse and its equipment, the problems to be faced, and the cultural routine; it goes on to summarise the main groups of plants—ten different groups ranging from annuals to cacti—which can be grown, and their culture; and it ends with a long list of individual plants, all of which the author has grown herself. The volume is well illustrated in line and half-tone.

Plant Propagation, edited by A. G. L. Hellyer (Collingridge, 7s. 6d.), is No. 4 in the *Amateur Gardening Picture Book Series*. Like others in the series, this follows the maxim that a good picture is worth hundreds of words, and in over 140 clear photographic illustrations depicts all ordinary ways of increasing plants. These include seeds, stem, leaf and root cuttings, offsets, bulb scales, layers, air layers and several methods of grafting. The explanatory text linked to the plates is concise and clear. This Picture Book and its fellows, with their fine photographs of the niceties of garden technique, can be highly commended.

Sterilising Soil

The literature on soil sterilisation is confusing and contradictory. It is therefore all the more valuable to have a *résumé* of the subject in *Soil Sterilization* (Allen and Unwin, 18s.) from the hand of Mr. W. J. C. Lawrence, of the John Innes Horticultural Institution—a practical scientist who has done so much to standardise the techniques and materials of horticulture and in so doing to expose inefficient and rule-of-thumb methods. His particular prompting to write the book, he tells us, was the fact that only last year investigations by the J.I.H.I. and the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering showed that steam sterilisation of glasshouse soils is frequently inefficient and unduly costly. As a result, the book contains much new and valuable information.

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WOODLAND DEVELOPMENT

AFTER an academic training in forestry at Edinburgh and Oxford, Mr. H. L. Edlin, author of *Trees, Woods and Man* (Collins, 30s.), worked as a rubber-planter in Malaya, where he was able to study at first hand the clearance of primæval jungle by primitive cultivators. On his return to England he had charge of felling and replanting work in the New Forest, which preserves the character of this country's ancient woodlands as well as such mediæval customs as common grazing, the pannage of pigs and the gathering of fuel wood, turf and bracken. This gave him exceptional opportunities to assess those historical processes that have led to the disappearance of so much natural woodland. His work in re-establishing forests by modern methods covers much the same ground and has provided practical comparisons with his views on the past development of British woodlands.

His book is marked by an attempt to look at woodlands from the standpoint of men of succeeding ages, influenced by their social organisation and physical equipment. He suggests, for instance, that our first settlers cleared out the best primæval forests because to men equipped with only stone axe and hoe that appeared to be the easiest way to get the most fertile ground for tillage. As he himself says, farming and forestry have gone on for so long as combined operations in the countryside that the present distribution and indeed the future pattern of British woods can be interpreted only by reference to agricultural practices and needs. On the other hand, our tall unblemished woodlands are nearly all the outcome of planting by private landowners on lands enclosed during the past three hundred years. The younger nationally-owned woods are all the work of the last half century. Hedgerow-trees, street trees and garden trees are obviously the outcome of specialised human action.

The opening chapters deal with the natural history of trees growing in an environment uninfluenced by the works of man. The next chapters discuss the growing influence of man upon the woodlands, and his growing care for their welfare. In the latter half of the volume specific kinds of trees or groups of trees are dealt with individually against the background of their natural environment. The author and Mr. Eric Hosking have got together a large number of photographs in which woods, trees and landscapes are portrayed in the full beauty of their natural colours. There are also many illustrations.

THE PROCESSION OF LIFE

FEW subjects are of more intense general interest than the history of this planet and the evolution of life on its surface. Few are more difficult to make comprehensible to the average man who has little or no acquaintance with biological science. In *A Guide to Earth History* (Chatto and Windus, 21s.) Mr. Richard Carrington, with the able assistance of Mr. Maurice Wilson's line drawings and half-tone reconstructions of prehistoric animals, has got as near as can be hoped for to the ideal guide in his fewer than 250 pages.

The most important thing to get fixed in the reader's mind is the chronology of the earth's past, and Mr. Carrington has surveyed it well. If we imagine, he says, that the whole of the earth's history were compressed into a single year, then, on this scale, the first eight months would be completely without life. The following two months would be devoted to the most primitive of creatures, ranging from viruses and single-celled bacteria to jelly-fish, while the mammals would not appear until the second week in December. Man as we know him would have strutted on to the stage at about 11.45 p.m. on December 31, and the age of written history would have occupied little more than the last sixty seconds on the clock.

Origin and Structure of the Earth

If it is naturally with the last "fortnight" of the planet's history that Mr. Carrington is concerned, he is not afraid to begin with the place of the earth in the universe or to deal with the various theories of its origin and internal structure. He explains the solar disruption theories of the past together with the "binary explosion" theory of Lyttleton and Hoyle. In discussing the actual structure of the planet he compares the 19th-century conception of a gradually cooling sphere with recent suggestions as to the release of large amounts of energy by the breaking down of radioactive elements, and even with the latest theory that the core of the earth may consist of highly compressed hydrogen, and that, instead of cooling down, it may be gradually heating up.

It is obvious that Mr. Carrington has the literature of his subject at his fingers' ends, and no reader need fear that in any department of palæontology or palæobotany he is not up to date. After a brief discourse on the methods of stratigraphy and palæontology he reviews the history of living things with side-references to climatic, geographic and other changes in the planet's surface. The latter part of his book gives an outline of the development of man as an animal, showing how evolution has moved from a predominantly physical to a predominantly mental plane. Both sections are fully and admirably illustrated with a wealth of half-tone blocks as well as maps and diagrams.

INDIAN-BRITISH PAINTING

DURING the 18th and 19th centuries British influence on Indian thought and living was considerable. Until now British influence on Indian painting does not seem to have been systematically examined. *Indian Painting for the British*, by Mildred and W. G. Archer (Oxford University Press, 45s.), breaks fresh ground. During the years from 1770 to 1880 Indian painting falls into two distinct parts. The first is the produce of areas outside the limits of British rule, of the States which were impervious to influence. In their area the ancient order remained. Rajas hunted in the forests or moved in stately procession, and, as part of the traditional pattern, Indian artists went on practising their hereditary techniques. Their work is not what the authors of this book mean by Indian painting for the British. This second type of painting was confined to areas later to be known as British India. It mirrored British rather than Indian tastes and in style it combined the British and Indian techniques. The purpose of this book is to make clear the nature of the British impact.

The authors find the assessment of Indian-British painting "not untinged with disappointment. Despite their lively interests, the British, unlike the Mughals, seemed unable to strike the spark which might have determined a new and vigorous style. However charitably we may regard these pictures of Hook-swingings and processions, of Humayun's tomb and the Taj Mahal, of washerwomen, grooms and table-servants, we cannot assign to them great artistic merit. It is the lack of sensibility, the absence of artistic taste, which is their chief characteristic."

British Amateurs

One reason given is that the sketching of British amateurs, though inspired by a passion amounting almost to mania, was usually a mere mechanical compliance with certain rigid rules. British sketching was often only an exercise in dull prosaic description. Smart and Humphry were admittedly major artists within the European tradition of miniature portraiture, but the most famous and influential of those who practised landscape were the two Daniells. Of them the authors declare that "their tepid colours distil a drab and sombre dullness as if all the exhilarating qualities of India had been extinguished in the dour light of sensible inspection." When the British themselves provided so few artists of real power, they ask, is it surprising that the Indian painters whom they patronised should rarely have transcended the mediocre? As it is, the most famous of their painters on ivory are patently inferior to Smart.

In the present volume the Indian painters are grouped according to their places of origin and local traditions. Apart from the artistic merits of Indian-British painting, the authors note one social change of importance that it produced. Indian-British painting frankly accepted villagers, workers and servants, village ceremonies and rituals as subjects for art. The original motive was the cult of the picturesque rather than an interest in social questions, but the choice has had important results in habituating the Indian public to democratic themes.

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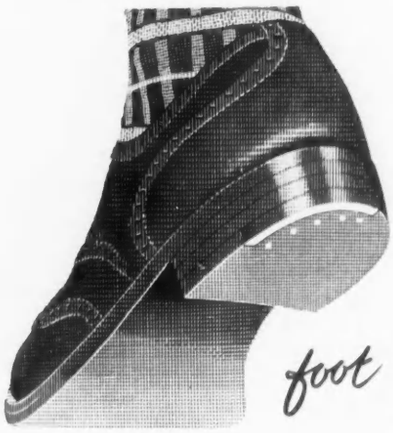

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DISCOURSE ON DISTORTION

By M. HARRISON-GRAY

THE strong free bid theory probably causes more ludicrous results, heartburning and recriminations than any other bidding fallacy. I could quote *ad infinitum* examples from high and low places, but it is time to answer the pertinent query: what are the rational requirements for a free bid in a given situation?

The one requirement which overrules all other considerations is *a desire to bid*. It's as simple as that, so long as you are *en rapport* with your partner. Suppose, for instance, that South (your partner) opens as dealer with One No-Trump (16-18 points), your side only being vulnerable. Your hand as North:

♠ 8 ♡ K 9 ◇ J 10 7 3 ♣ J 10 8 7 5 3

Normal expectation is nine tricks in a Club contract and about five in No-Trumps. Over a pass by West you say Two Clubs, a natural limit bid which a well-educated South will pass. If the One No-Trump/Two Clubs convention is in use, you still bid Two Clubs; over South's reply, you clarify the nature of your hand with a bid of Three Clubs.

Now suppose that West overcalls with Two Spades. You still *want to bid* something which you think you can make, and with a normal partner you can say Three Clubs without the slightest trepidation. He defined his own hand when he bid One No-Trump, and will assume that you merely hope to make nine tricks in Clubs after valuing the joint assets.

But, far more often, you will be tortured by psychological doubts. Will Three Clubs sound to your partner of the moment like a go-ahead signal, a strength-showing *free bid*? Is he one of those players who will automatically convert it to Three No-Trumps—or worse? Let us see what happened in actual play:

North: ♠ 8 ♡ K 9 ◇ J 10 7 3 ♣ J 10 8 7 5 3

West: ♠ A J 9 6 2 ♡ Q 8 5 4 2 ◇ 9 8 ♣ A

East: ♠ K 5 4 3 ♡ 10 3 ◇ Q 6 5 4 2 ♣ K 4

South: ♠ Q 10 7 ♡ A J 7 6 ◇ A K ♣ Q 9 6 2

Dealer, South. North-South vulnerable.

South	West	North	East
1 No-Trump	2 Spades	3 Clubs	3 Spades
Double	No bid	No bid	No bid

North was making his début at the club, and cut "our best player" as partner in his inaugural rubber. Although far from enamoured of South's double, for the sake of future relations it seemed unwise to insult him by retreating to Four Clubs; his hand was not hopeless in defence, especially if he could make use of his lone trump, so his opening lead was the King of Hearts.

South promptly summed up the situation, mentally recording 300 at least above the line—two Heart tricks, two Diamonds, a Diamond ruff and the Ace of Clubs. With great éclat he overtook his partner's King with the Ace of Hearts, cashed Ace and King of Diamonds (in that order) and led a low Heart towards North's hypothetical Queen. As a result Three Spades doubled was made with an overtrick, and the other three players ganged up on North, lecturing him on the gross impropriety of free bids on "trickless" hands. (Not quite fair for North could have taken a trick if he had been allowed to.) Being a new member, North only protested mildly that he saw no reason why East-West should be allowed to make a part-score when his own side could make a comfortable ten tricks in a Club contract.

This raises a point that has always baffled me—the utter inconsistency of the strong free bid brigade. South expected his partner to hold, for a free bid of Three Clubs, something like his actual hand plus the Ace of his suit; why then, in the name of reason, did he not try to clinch the rubber by jumping to Five Clubs over East's bid of Three Spades, instead of going for a paltry non-vulnerable penalty? Of course, playing rational Bridge, South simply bids Four Clubs—a case where a player who has limited his hand is entitled to raise a limit bid by his partner on the strength of a good fit in his suit.

Free bid requirements can only be expressed in terms of points when a bid in No-Trumps is contemplated. For instance, North opens One Heart, East overcalls with One Spade and South looks at a balanced hand with one or more Spade stoppers; how many points does he need for a free bid of One No-Trump? First, consider a hand that I quoted some weeks ago:

♠ Q 7 6 ♡ 8 6 ◇ K Q 6 3 ♣ 8 6 5 3

This is a "bad" 7 points; true, the Queen of Spades is "promoted" after a Spade call on the right, but the right action is a pass. In practice South bid One No-Trump and subsequently back-pedalled to such an extent that the best contract was missed. I would put the minimum requirements at a "good" 8 points—for example:

♠ Q 10 6 5 ♡ Q 3 ◇ J 10 9 5 ♣ K 9 8

Although this hand is weak in top cards, its real value on the above bidding is nearer 11 points than 8—the two Tens are worth an extra point in No-Trumps, and both major suit Queens are promoted. One No-Trump should be freely bid, because this may be your only chance of announcing a hand that should prove useful opposite your partner's opening bid. In other words, you bid here *because you want to bid*.

Take another case: South, One Diamond; West, pass; North, One Heart; East, One Spade; South, (?) South's hand:

♠ K J 5 ♡ 7 6 ◇ A Q 10 3 2 ♣ A 7 6

This example is given in *The Complete Stayman System*, a new book that I mentioned last week. Stayman makes a good point, the opponents will have the advantage of a proven lead. South makes his natural rebid, One No-Trump, while he has the chance; but take away the Knave of Spades, and a pass is indicated.

Now consider this situation: North opens One Heart, East overcalls with One Spade, and South holds:

♠ K Q 2 ♡ 10 9 ◇ K 9 7 3 ♣ K 10 8 5

Nearly all American life masters, and others who treat a Two No-Trump response as fully forcing, will happily bid a free One No-Trump over One Spade; this conforms to the keep-partner-guessing principle, since One No-Trump is also bid if one of the minor suit Kings is taken away. Not only is the hand ideal in the first place for a British-style response of Two No-Trumps, but its trick-taking capacity is obviously improved by East's overcall; the Spade honours are sure tricks, and there is no fear of a King being neutralised by an Ace in the West hand.

The all-important positional factor was overlooked by one of our best players in a recent match. His hand, as South:

♠ J 10 9 3 ♡ 7 2 ◇ K 9 5 2 ♣ A Q 5

East-West only were vulnerable. North dealt and opened One Spade; East overcalled with Two Hearts, and South felt that a free raise to Two Spades aptly described this eight-loser hand; all passed, and a simple game went out of the window. I think we might all cultivate the habit of reviewing our hand in this sort of situation; after a vulnerable overcall at the Two level on our right, we are really looking at something like this:

♠ J 10 9 3 ♡ 7 2 ◇ A 9 5 2 ♣ A K 5

The free bid theory is so simple, really. The object is merely to relieve you of the strain of bidding on a borderline hand; if, through an opponent's intervention, your partner will have another chance to speak, there is obviously no need for you to scratch up a response on sub-minimum values. You pass, thankfully, because you never wanted to bid on your hand; you are no longer exposed to the temptation of making some call, in the face of a possible misfit, which is all too likely to lead to disaster.

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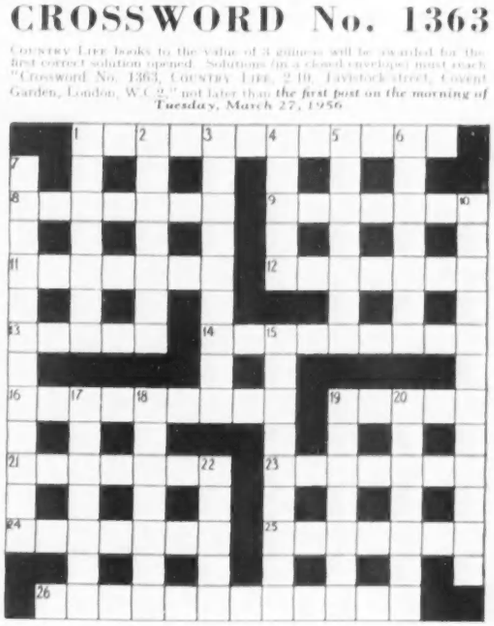

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1. How are they? Rather dusty? (6, 6)
8. Raced a hundred to our ill feeling (7)
9. "I cannot tell what the —— his name is" —*Shakespeare* (7)
11. "Clean, ma?" as little Hercules might have said (7)
12. "Sweet is every sound, —— thy voice, but every sound is sweet" —*Tennyson* (7)
13. Played by Ferdinand and Miranda (5)
14. Deadly to camels? (4, 5)
16. Personate in a manner of speaking (9)
19. How do they sleep? (5)
21. Helps to keep a roof over the camper's head (7)
23. Reviled? No, the very reverse (7)
24. Like the carbon in the air (7)
25. Some slim men seem to conceal much (7)
26. Cadet never in? Looks like negligence (12)

DOWN

1. Anagram of H (7)
2. Glendower's endless glares (7)
3. Sort of jacket in song (9)
4. "Now —— the glimmering landscape on the sight" —*Gray* (5)
5. The key to the servant problem is in thousands of rupees (7)
6. He has his choice (7)
7 and 22. The dabchick's big cousin (5, 7, 5)
10. Remarked by Gloucester in Ely's garden (12)
15. First down but still lying about (9)
17. Bridge but not necessarily four-handed (7)
18 and 19. "'We have had that before!' The 19 indignantly said. And the Baker [18], 'Let me say it once more. It is this, it is this that I dread!'" —*Lewis Carroll* (7 and 7)
20. Is the susceptible banker less likely to make one? (7)
22. See 7 down.

Note.—This Competition does not apply to the United States.

SOLUTION TO No. 1362. *The winner of this Crossword, the clues of which appeared in the issue of March 15, will be announced next week.*

ACROSS.—1, Classic; 5, Aspects; 9, Strenuous; 10, Nurse; 11, Erato; 12, Rural ride; 14, Standard-bearer; 17, Turn to the right; 21, Cupbearer; 23, Canoe; 24, Point; 25, Conspired; 26, Trainer; 27, Saladin. DOWN.—1, Cosset; 2, Abreast; 3, Sunbonnet; 4, Choirmaster; 5, Ass; 6, Penal; 7, Carrier; 8, She-bears; 13, Red herrings; 15, Episcopal; 16, Stock-pot; 18, Replica; 19, Hundred; 20, Verdun; 22, Eaton; 25, Car.

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SQUATTERS' RIGHTS

A MONTH ago, not for the first time, I referred to the problem of farm rents, and suggested that landowners could do much to help themselves by asking tenants to pay more. I wrote then—and I have no reason to alter my opinion—that most tenants, and certainly the vast majority of progressive ones, recognise that unless they pay an economic rent they cannot expect landlords to provide them with the up-to-date fixed equipment on which their livelihood depends. Unfortunately, not all tenants are progressive, and those who farm badly are often unable to pay a rent that allows the landlord even a modest return on his capital. The landlord, of course, can persist in his demand for a higher rent, in which case the tenant may ask for arbitration. Or the landlord himself, having failed to obtain satisfaction, may elect to go before a tribunal. In either event, judging by what one hears, the tenant usually comes out best.

AN UNSATISFACTORY AFFAIR

SOME idea of the dissatisfaction felt by landowners on the subject of farm rents is provided by a reader who writes from Lisbon, and since his letter is typical of several that I have received in the past three weeks and deals with a matter that is of considerable importance, not only to owners of farm land, but also to the agricultural industry, it may be of interest to give its contents.

"I was interested to read your recent article on the question of farm rents," he writes, "because, two years ago and on the advice of the Country Landowners' Association, I went into arbitration with my tenant over 400 acres of heavy Suffolk land. I wished to arrive at an unbiased valuation in order to decide whether one farm was worth retaining after several generations, or whether advantage should be taken of a temporary increase in farm values to pass it on to an industrial tycoon, and thereby save him the hardship of paying super-tax. I believe it was within twelve months that the arbitration finally decided that the rent should be increased from £700 to £775 per annum, the tenant having himself agreed to pay an increase of £100. On these calculations, at 5 per cent. interest, which is the mortgage interest I pay on £2,500 for milking sheds and dairy built pre-war, I estimated the farm to be worth approximately £38 per acre, or around £15,000. Shortly after this the Air Ministry returned to me 24 acres which they had appropriated at a compensation of £40 per acre. Somehow, one cannot help wishing that they had appropriated the whole farm."

DISGRUNTLED OWNER

THERE is more to come, for the writer goes on to say that the C.L.A. representative assured him that the land was not farmed to capacity, and the tenant observed that he paid no income-tax, but that he was highly mechanised, all in the same breath, a tale of woe that the writer says might have aroused his sympathy had it not been for the G.B. plate fixed to the back of the tenant's motor-car. As it was, he was evidently disgruntled, and the next paragraph of his letter tells of the action that he proposes to take.

"The decision I have made," he writes, "is that the string of candidates emanating from my family and destined for the Services shall now cease. My three sons are studying for husbandry and will squat on this and other farms in my ownership until tenants improve or retire."

DOG EATING DOG

MY correspondent ends on a more general note, but it is an emphatic one. He says that since the war he has been permanently abroad and in a position to watch the growth of competition against our export trade. He has, he says, seen dog eating dog in industry, whereby machinery is being brought to raw material at the cost of manufactured exports. And he says that unless the bill for imported food-stuffs is reduced by more efficient home production "we shall have to eat out of surplus manufactured goods."

FORTHCOMING SALES IN THE WEST COUNTRY

IN spite of the credit squeeze, good farms are still in strong demand, especially when an easily-run house of character is included in the sale. A property that answers this description is the Prideaux estate of 337 acres at Par, Cornwall, where, in addition to a small home farm, in hand, a farm of 157 acres which is let and 150 acres of woodland, there is a Georgian house with a fine contemporary staircase, three reception rooms, four bathrooms and eight bedrooms. Messrs. John D. Wood and Co. are the agents.

Another residential farming property for sale in the West Country is Crabadon Manor, which is situated at Diptford, approximately midway between Totnes and Kingsbridge in South Devon. Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, who have been entrusted with the sale, state that Crabadon is about 400 years old and that it stands on the site of a house that is mentioned in the Domesday Book. The farm is T.T. and attested and carries a herd of Guernseys housed in compact, modernised buildings. It covers 116 acres.

AN ESTATE AGENT'S PARADISE

IF good farms with character houses are popular, then a farm with a small, period house situated within easy reach of London can be described fairly as the estate agent's paradise. Such a property is Leys Farm, an arable and pig holding of 165 acres with a small Queen Anne house at East Burnham, Buckinghamshire. Leys Farm belongs to Mr. Ian Lesmoir Gordon, who has instructed Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley and Messrs. A. C. Frost and Co. to offer it by auction. But, meanwhile, it is for sale privately, and it would not be surprising if it were disposed of in this manner. The farm adjoins Burnham Beeches golf-course and includes approximately 60 acres of woodland, a staff bungalow and a model range of piggeries, capable of housing 200 pigs of bacon standard.

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FARMING NOTES

MARCH SOWING

WE have all been extra busy this month catching up with spring work. In many places there has been the ploughing to finish, and then as soon as the ground dried cultivation went ahead to make a seed bed for the spring corn. This work has gone well; after the hard frosts of February the ground needed little working to make it fall into a fine tilth. There is enough moisture to ensure good germination and where fertilisers have gone down the spout of the drill at the same time as the seed the young corn should grow away fast. In the rush of work a farmer may forget to make application in due time for the £7 an acre grant that is given for ploughing up grass land that has stood since before June 1, 1952. For a claim to be in order notification of ploughing should be made to the County Agricultural Committee within 21 days of the ploughing being done. Some re-sowing of autumn corn has been necessary, but not so much as seemed probable at one time. Where the corn was seared quite brown and was obviously dead, re-sowing as soon as possible was the right course, but many pieces where the tips of the young corn turned brown are now growing away after this setback. With some help in the form of quick-acting nitrogenous fertiliser these fields should recover completely.

Crop Irrigation

MR. C. S. WRIGHT gave the Farmers' Club a useful paper on the irrigation of farm crops, and the discussion showed that several shrewd people are now equipping themselves with the means to overcome drought. The experience of last summer has stimulated interest in this development and even in an average summer, if this is a recognisable phenomenon, crops grown in the south-east of England need more soil moisture than they get from rainfall in eight years out of ten, and for the most of the country the need occurs in five or more years in ten between late May and early September. An easy figure to remember is one inch of water in ten days, the amount required by crops in full growth. This represents 22,645 gallons an acre. Many of us who would like to irrigate farm crops will find that we have an insufficient water supply. Where there is a river running through the farm, it is a comparatively easy matter, provided permission to extract water can be obtained from the local River Board. Small streams can be used if it is possible to hold the water in a reservoir. The ordinary farm pond does not give anything like the amount of water; nor does the shallow well. Mr. Wright puts the cost of crop irrigation at £7 10s. "per acre-inch" after allowing for depreciation of equipment and interest on capital. Sugar-beet, potatoes, strawberries and grass will all respond profitably to irrigation, and Mr. Wright declares that there is no more effective way of increasing the productivity of our land.

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A TENTH edition now appears of *Agriculture: The Science and Practice of British Farming* (Oliver and Boyd, 31s. 6d.). This is the standard work written by Sir James A. S. Watson and the late James A. More which has been well thumbed by agricultural students since 1924. There is a great fund here of sound sense about farming practice, and the book is readily read. There are many revisions in this new edition, but, as Sir James Watson says in his preface, the pace of progress in farm science and technology is now such that any sizeable book must inevitably be out of date in some respects before it leaves the press. Even so the basic truths hold good.

Thrifty Pigs

IT is taking a long time for the Ministry of Agriculture to get the promised pig progeny testing stations into operation. There are to be five of them. The first at Selby in Yorkshire should be ready to take pigs in a year's time. These testing stations will be run on the lines which have proved satisfactory in Denmark as a means of identifying the breeding strains which give the most thrifty results in weight of flesh put on in relation to food consumption and suitability for the bacon factories. Until we have this means of testing the progeny of boars by their performance under commercial conditions we are handicapped in our progress towards the efficient pig industry that we all want to see developed in this country. Cannot the Ministry speed up the building programme?

Head Flick

THE hens in the hen-yard have developed a strange habit of shaking their heads continually and I have been wondering what the cause may be and whether this is a nervous disease that can be cured. It is not likely that the trouble is due to dust irritating the mucous membrane, as the birds spend most of their time out-of-doors. It may be that they are rather too highly bred for egg production or that there is something lacking in their food. Possibly mites or insects may be troubling them. But I think that Mr. Alan Thompson, to whom I put the problem, is probably right in suggesting that the affliction is due to friction when they squeeze their heads through the rather narrow wire guards on the mash troughs. Some of these wires are bent and the openings are narrow. We can straighten the wires, and this we will do. The purpose of the wire guards is to stop the birds perching in a way that fouls the food, and so I am reluctant to do away with them.

Warbles in Cattle

THIS is the time of year when we should look closely at the backs of cattle to see whether they have warble lumps coming and treat them with a dressing to kill the maggots before they emerge and start another warble-fly cycle. The maggots emerge between March and June and by law the farmer is required to dress cattle which are visibly infested. The dressing is simple enough. To each gallon of water mix 4 ounces of soap powder and either 1¼ ounces of derris resins or ½ ounce of rotenone. The dressing should be applied with a stiff brush so that it is worked into the breathing holes made by the maggots and kills them. More progress in getting rid of warbles was achieved last year. We ought to be able to clear up this pest altogether as other countries have done.

Lucerne Mixtures

NEW ZEALAND farmers find that lucerne is a valuable component of grazing leys. Some trials have been made recently to ascertain the best companion plants for lucerne. The *New Zealand Journal of Agriculture* reports that rye grass has been tried but has proved too aggressive. Grass in the mixture should be sufficiently vigorous to suppress weeds, but not at the expense of the lucerne. Cocksfoot is quite satisfactory under some conditions—2 lb. an acre of cocksfoot to 10 to 12 lb. of lucerne. Meadow fescue and timothy are less aggressive than cocksfoot. A suggested improvement in grass lucerne mixtures is the addition of clover, which provides bottom growth and helps to stop the intrusion of weeds.

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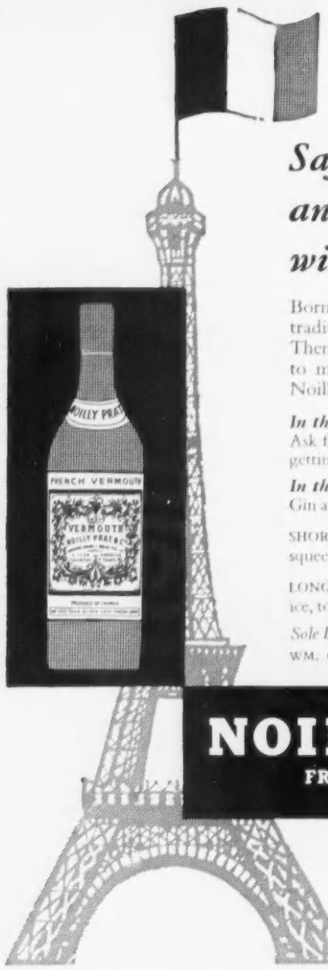

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Reviews by HOWARD SPRING

ON the jacket of '*My Dear Duchess*,' a collection of letters edited by A. L. Kennedy (John Murray, 21s.), there is a picture of the Duchess of Manchester, to whom, in mid-Victorian times, these letters were addressed. I should have preferred a portrait of the Earl of Clarendon to be there, for almost all the letters are from him, and the book is, to that important extent, about him. There are no letters *from* the Duchess, who remains a vague flattered figure. It was quite the thing in those days for women to receive such letters as these, full of information and tinged with a flirtatious air. Clarendon did it deftly. The Earl Granville, from whom, too, there are a number of letters here, was rather ham-fisted in that line. The lady was a daughter of Count von Alten of Hanover. She was married to the Duke of Manchester for thirty-eight years, and then married the eighth Duke of Devonshire. She lived till 1911. One of her daughters became the Countess of Derby.

'MY DEAR DUCHESS.' *Edited by A. L. Kennedy*
(John Murray, 21s.)
THE ENGLISH HOME. *By Doreen Yarwood*
(Batsford, 45s.)
LEVINE. *By James Hanley*
(Macdonald, 15s.)

The editor rightly says that the letters "furnish a picture of the time rather than a record of it." They are the gossip of those in high places. Clarendon's acquaintance with the monarchs, aristocrats and statesmen of Europe was extensive and personal, and he never failed to say unmistakably what he thought of any of them, from Queen Victoria downwards. The gossip is not all of high and serious matters. Lord Granville can send his "Dear Duchess" such comments as this: "Lady D. would be pretty if she cleaned her teeth or her ears. Women ought to be tidy. When they are that, and clever, and beautiful, and gay, they are irresistible both in *tête à tête* or as hostess."

A TRUE WHIG

For part of the time covered by the letters—1858-1869—Clarendon held various cabinet positions, including the Foreign Office. He was a Whig, and the editor gives us a dictionary definition of a Whig as "a Liberal opposed to further progress in democracy." There was a lot happening at this time that showed how truly this defined Clarendon. He had no use at all for such new men as Cobden and Bright—"John Bright and other devils," he says in one of the letters—and Gladstone's idea of a graduated income-tax filled him with dismay. It would "just do for us all." Nor did he see any sense in handing the vote to all and sundry. He believed that there was "little real wish for reform in consequence of the smallness of the grievances which require to be redressed." As for himself, he wrote, "you know that I have no party feelings and care only for the *res publica*, and so I have done and shall do all in my power to prevent mischief," by which he meant to prevent a change from the system of government by aristocracy.

A few of his phrases will give an idea of his outspoken method. Prince Napoleon, called by the editor "an elderly roué," had just married the daughter of the King of Sardinia. "They say he is about to retire to Turin with his wife—one can't help pitying that poor child, barely 16 years old, and sold on credit (just like a Circassian Slave) for the aggrandisement of her Father to such a Ruffian as her present possessor." "I daresay he will behave as decently as he can, which, however, will hardly bring him up to our notions of an average Gentleman." "As I sat between Ladies Salisbury and Alice Peel, I was not fatiguingly merry." "I am sure the Queen intended to be civil, but she doesn't understand scrambles and larks and hack cabs, which give her vague impressions of impropriety and curdle the blood in the Consort's veins." "In some of Lord Grey's letters to Lady Grey he talks of 'our sweet children' and one can't fancy that this could at any time have been applicable to the sourfaced tribe that now goes snarling about the world." Of Napoleon III: "Nobody will ever be at rest as long as that Conspirator is at the head of that nation of brigands." He calls the Queen "really insane about the maintenance of her maternal authority" and confirms what is already so well known: that her dislike of the Prince of Wales was brutal.

There is a lot of talk about money, though Clarendon seems to have had an enlightened view about what should be its place in life. He is not edified by the attitude of the Duke of Bedford. The Duke's son was "not only crippled in his legs but quite deaf and all but blind, and pressure on the brain has rendered him nearly idiotic." The Duke decided that he should, in these rather exceptional circumstances, run to the expense of a nurse. An excellent nurse was found but shocked the Duke by suggesting a pound a week as wages. "The truth is," the Duke wrote, "that Tavistock only wants the nurse for 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the evening, which of course will not occupy her whole time, and we are therefore sadly puzzled how to make it worth her while to attend him." Surely the sad puzzle could have been solved by telling the girl to fill in her spare time wheeling manure from the stables to the kitchen garden?

INSIDE AN ENGLISH HOME

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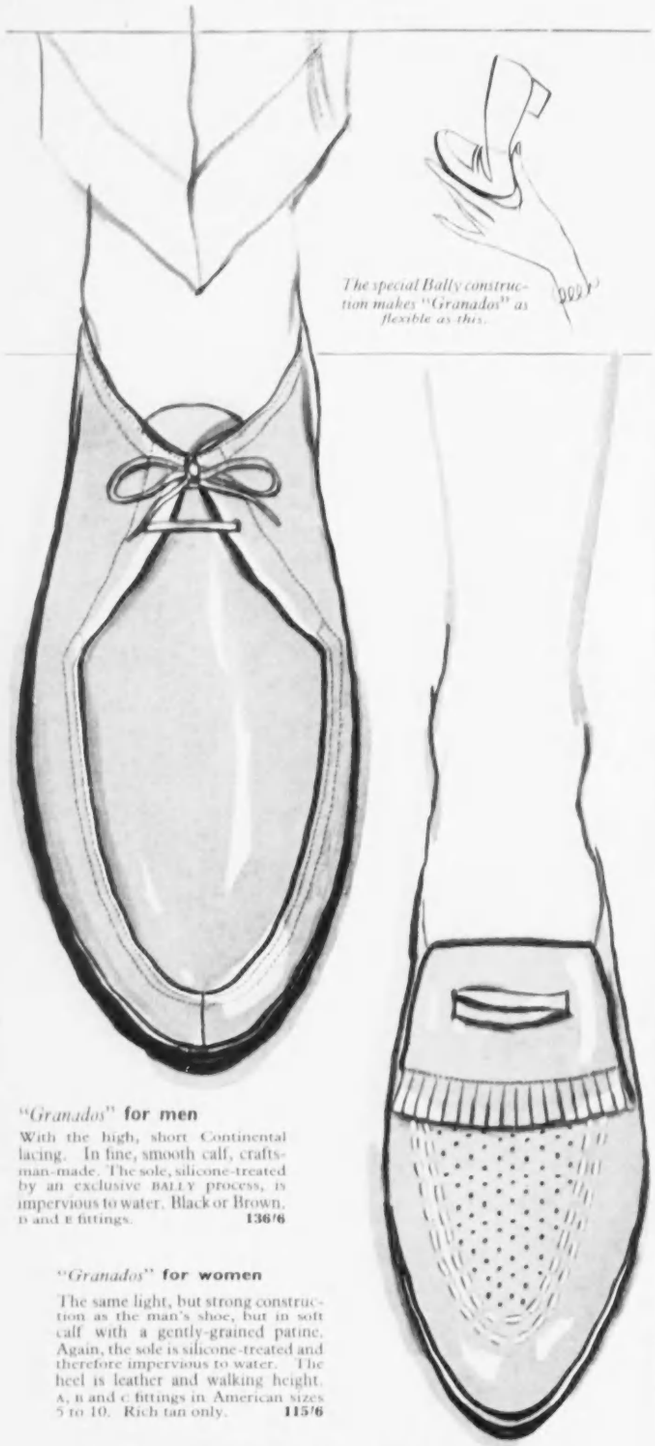

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under the roof-tree from Saxon to Edwardian times. The pictures are the thing. They make us see the set-up as no amount of writing could do. From the drawing of an Anglo-Saxon hall, with its fire blazing in the middle of the floor and its superb timber-work, up to the drawings of Victorian and Edwardian "parlours" in all their gruesome horror, an immense amount of ground is covered.

Mrs. Yarwood has not made it her business to comment. She is satisfied to present: "Here is what it looked like." She gives us not only the general notion but the particular instance. Back in Anglo-Saxon times we are shown the drinking-vessels, the spoons and the cooking-pots; and from the day before yesterday we are given the sewing-machines, the gas-brackets, the cast-iron grates, the gramophone horns, and how such a small detail as a door-knob looked. The evolution of kitchens is excellently portrayed. Poor little wretch of a turnspit dog! There you see him, going round and round in his circular hole in the wall above the Georgian range. Well, here it all is: an important historic evocation: the sort of fireplace Canute might have sat by, the sort of stony stairway up which Normans clanged, a long gallery down which Elizabeth might have strode, a room in which Mr. Pepys could well have sung *Look Not on Swans*, and another in which, over the saddle of mutton, the Forsytes could have discussed the shortcomings of that intruder Bosinney.

THE NOVELIST'S TASK

And talking of the Forsytes, how deeply Galsworthy realised the importance of breadth and variety in his work! It was a mark of a great novelist. Dickens, Fielding, Thackeray, Trollope, Tolstoy: they all saw the interaction of classes, of varieties of experience and of emotion, and they were able thus to give us a sense of life's peaks and valleys, its sun and shadow, through the experiences of all sorts and conditions of men.

It is an approach that is fast disappearing. The modern mode is all for concentration on some revolting little pocket of bureaucrats, or frivolous metropolitan boys, or even upon one intense dark experience from which all sunlight must be shut out. A writer of this last sort is Mr. James Hanley, for whose work I have a deep but qualified admiration. I see that a reviewer of one of his former books calls him "a writer who wrestles with the stubborn stuff of life and looks deeply into its heart," but he does so only partially, for the stuff of life is not all gloom. It is customary to speak of a writer of this kind as having "integrity," but, since a novelist's business is with life, this seems to me the least permissible of words, for the definition of integrity is "having no part or element wanting." It is as though a man with one paralysed arm, who enjoyed many things in life, was considered in relation to nothing but the paralysis of his arm. In a very real sense, such books are untrue to life because of their very fidelity to an isolated part of it.

LOVE, MURDER AND GLOOM

These thoughts arise from a consideration of James Hanley's new novel, *Levine* (Macdonald, 15s.). The time of the story is the last war. Levine was a Pole who remembered a happy childhood, ended by the brutal burning of his village and the murder of his mother. He became a seaman, and shipwreck washed him up without papers on the English shore. He feared the everlasting inquisition: Who are you? Where are you from? Where are your papers? He became a man on the run. Grace Helling picked him up.

Grace, daughter of a Roman Catholic barrister, was 45. We are told that she had never spoken to a man save the family doctor and priests. We are given a horrible picture of a woman being destroyed in a morbidly sex-conscious home. It was the worse because the girl was what Wells used to call over-sexed. She watched with joy her parents annihilated by a bomb in London, and then, middle-aged, took train to the town where she found Levine. All her arms were round him at once like the suckers of an octopus. They lived in a dirty hut on a bit of waste ground. All she wanted was Levine and more and more of Levine. All he wanted was to shake off everything, this fleshy incubus not least, and find a ship. You would have thought he could walk out, but we are asked to believe that he couldn't, that is why he stabbed her to death. A powerful, partial and profoundly morbid book which has a pathological reluctance to look at anything but life's horror.

THE SHERPAS AT HOME

MRS JENNIFER BOURDILLON, wife of the Everest climber, found his accounts of the Sherpas and the country of Nepal so enthralling that she decided to visit them herself in 1952 while her husband was climbing with the British Himalayan Expedition. She left the main expedition outside Khatmandu and spent many weeks entirely alone among the Sherpas. She was the first white woman to do so, and in *Visit to the Sherpas* (Collins, 16s.) she has told the story of her experiences and adventures.

Mrs. Bourdillon has a talent for story-telling and was certainly provided by her Sherpa hosts with a vast amount of amusement as well as a good deal of irritation, for the Sherpas are a temperamental people, though, as she says, energetic, simple and cheerful. She had been warned by her husband that she might find her journey arduous and uncomfortable, and it was certainly not without its discomforts and even dangers; at one point she nearly died of typhus. She has much to tell of pastimes and customs, of the impressive liturgy of the monasteries and of parades of monks draped in gaudy silks for a carnival, of the behaviour of young twelve-year-old mothers and of the somewhat unexpected hospitality of a monk and his wife living in civilised independence. There is much description of mountain scenery, and after the final account of a difficult return the story ends at Khatmandu with a royal reception.

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Notes on the New Hats

THE hats look startlingly different for this spring. They are not merely larger; the outline has been radically changed and they are worn so far forward that at the dress shows the eyes of many of the mannequins were hidden from the audience. The most extreme versions are shapes like hair driers and one almost needs a periscope to be able to see the landscape when submerged by one. Toques are prettier and easier to wear. They rise high in a mass of folds, either tulle or the newer crinoline straw that is gossamer weight and faintly patterned like a lace. This straw is resilient and crisp-looking in spite of its extreme fragility. It is used in layers for the hair-drier shaped hats and the less spectacular wide-brimmed mushroom shapes that are more likely to be popular. Both shapes are often white and they look like nothing so much as some delectable whipped froth of a sweet. The fashionable effect is to look as light as air, even though the dimensions are large, and to be smart the hair must be streamlined.

Flowers are large and equally light, as they are mostly made from tulle or organza. They form part of the hat or the whole hat rather than a trimming. Dome shapes are entirely covered with large white organza roses; large roses are laid all round the flat sides of high toques. Flowers or petals make entire brims of hats of less exaggerated proportions that have soft crowns.

The fabric hats designed for the summer washing frocks and jeans are charming. Made from a rough slub linen, stitched fine linen, cotton poplin, plaited cotton braid, white piqué, or chip straw, they are shaped like flower-pots or platters. On the flower-pot shapes a ribbon or braid threads through to hold them firmly on the head and another gathers them in at the top.

Circle after circle of rose-embroidered white organdie makes the cloche. The chaplet beside it is white with blue cornflowers; the white straw, a gossamer and very light crinoline, is folded diagonally all round (Simone Mirman)

(*Right*) Folded toque of white lace crinoline (Renée Pavy)

(*Below*) A toque in white felt with a rough hairy surface is held on by a scarf of folded navy blue organza that ties on the nape of the neck (Fortnum and Mason)

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Large shapes in linen or stitched cotton poplin look like nothing so much as a bee-keeper's hat. They curve down all round the head and certainly give ample shade.

For suits there are flattering round hats with shallow crowns and double brims that are made in loose plaited straw, in pedal and piqué straw. These are worn straight, resting on the brow, or tilted backwards like a little boy's sailor hat.

There are more white hats than anything else, especially among the lace crinolines and the cotton flower-pot hats. Pale pink hats in tulle and flowers, or in a silky piece straw as supple as satin, are numerous. A strong Italian blue looks very new for tailor-mades as a hat of medium proportions made in cotton or a piece straw and with a high crown. Beige with white or white touched with a strong lemon yellow appears for many sailor hats; so does navy with white, the white forming the whole of the double brim or a whole crown.

Simone Mirman shows hats of a reasonable size, as well as the large ones. A cloche composed of layers of delicate rose-bud embroidery is delicious—the youngest and gayest hat in London—and it fits closely round the face. Another is a mob cap of white cotton with a brim of white cut-out embroidery. For toques, cloche and wide coolie shapes,

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The ivory felt to the left is puckered over the crown, and the poke bonnet brim folds and projects over the forehead. The beret in pedal straw is white with a band of lemon grosgrain circling the head (R. M. Hats)

(*Right*) An outsize cap is worn on the brow. It is white slub linen with a streak of forget-me-not blue beneath the soft crown (Moriot)

she puckers and gathers several layers of the new crinoline straw that is as light as a cobweb, or makes them from a fabric. Deep forward-jutting berets are also made from brilliantly coloured crinoline, or a light plaited straw. Trimming is absent, so that nothing detracts from the outline of the hat. For evening, there are chignon hats to pin on, coils of folded tulle with perhaps a rose on a long stalk falling down the nape of the neck, or the tulle may be shaped into a big rose.

A GROUP of becoming hats of the toque and beret kind made in various straws, crinoline as well as fine felt, have been designed by Madame Vernier for spring tailor-mades. Several of modest dimensions are in three colours, the flat shallow rolls of brims in one, the sides in a second and the flat top of the crown in a third. White, citrus yellow with black and beige, ivory and black are two of the schemes. Everything is worn well down over the forehead on to the eyebrows. The most dramatic of all is Balenciaga's huge drum-shaped beret in black organza that is the pointer to the new millinery fashions. A less exaggerated version in sky blue chip straw is made with a band circling the head and attached to a wide disc of a crown, and it is most becoming.

This show began with an excellent country hat designed on completely new lines, and ended with some tremendous hats designed for Ascot. The country felt in a green-grey shade featured the fashionable deep crown, but oval-shaped, and the deep brim curved down all round. Ascot hats included a coolie entirely made of folded rose-coloured tulle and a Gainsborough hat in spotted beige and black tulle that had a single red rose on a long stalk laid along the edge of the brim in front. A large mushroom-brimmed hat was all in white curling osprey; another, in white bubble crinoline, had a spotted pheasant's feather laid right along the edge of the immense brim, a feather so large that it spanned the shoulders. In between were included a whole group of medium-proportioned hats, two especially attractive ones being a beret of beige straw that folded down in four points over swathed tulle in tones of amber and beige, and a dear little flower-pot toque. For this, mixed garden flowers were used with white daisies emphasising the height and a rose set in front among leaves and small bright flowers.

Piece straws that look like either satin, cotton piqué, or tweed make many of the hats in the Kate Day collection. Nothing is heavy or could be called immense; the shapes are designed to flatter in fresh colours or white. A pretty sailor hat with flower-pot crown and a brim curving up to a point in the centre front is made from a fine white silk straw. Ivy leaves wreath round the front of the crown. A flat oval sailor has a white organza scarf folded round the oval crown with streamers at the back. Another white hat with a mushroom brim is made entirely from swan's feathers, and the brim is lined with dark green velvet. This hat is set on a narrow green velvet headband with a red rose for decoration on one side of the shallow crown. A leaf green straw that looks like an exceptionally rough shantung makes another sailor hat. Berets came in chenille-dotted tweed-like straws or satin straws dotted with velvet. One beret is made completely from pansies.

For any dress or suit that has a widish hemline a small or medium-sized hat is advised. The large deep hats look smart only with the slender outlines for which they were designed in Paris. The Empire waistline of Dior and the long limp lines of the moment, inspired by Balanciaga, can both look right with one of the large hats. They were designed together. With straight-looking tailor-mades the deep toques and sailor hats look really chic and new, as they do with the narrow coats and sheath dresses in wool or printed silk. Many of these have been shown in all the London collections. The Empire dresses with folds crossing over below the bust and then falling to the hem will be in the shops after Easter. They mark another revolution in shape and are being made for both day and evening with short skirts as well as long. The line flows past the waist and the skirt widens gradually to the hem. Supple fabrics are supported underneath.

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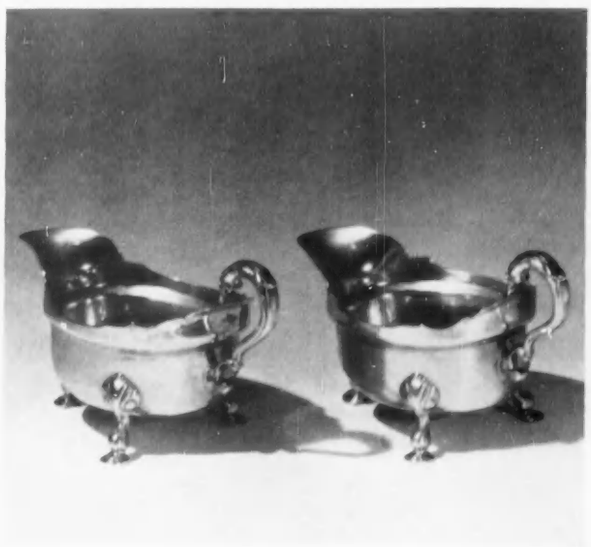

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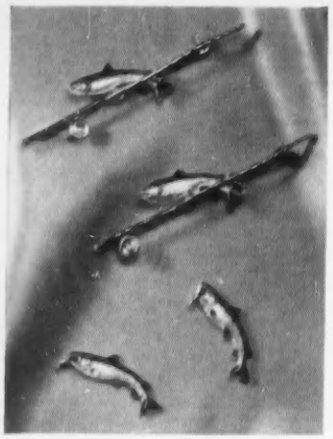

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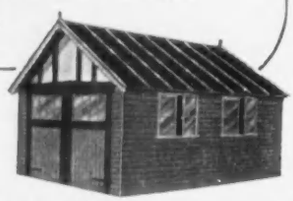

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